



British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher shakes hands with deposed Gaza Mayor Rashad al-Shawwa in Jerusalem last night. Looking over Thatcher's shoulder is leading Nabulus businessman Basil Kana'an. The prime minister's husband, Denis, is in the middle. (Rahamim Israeli)

## 'Must not be associated with terror' Thatcher: W. Bank needs new leaders

By ASHER WALLFISH  
ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
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Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said yesterday that the most immediate issue in the Middle East dispute was to find a Palestinian Arab leadership which was not associated with terror.

Meeting a small group of members of the Knesset in the House of Commons, Thatcher said that the British government was not prepared to support a leadership which was not associated with terror. She said that the British government was not prepared to support a leadership which was not associated with terror.

Thatcher last night told a reception at the King David Hotel of "miracles" and of the "wonderful" friendship between the two prime ministers and their two countries.

"When I first came here, I was already familiar with the saying of David Ben-Gurion 'to be a realist in Israel, you have to believe in miracles.' It was a very wise saying, and in the past few days I have seen miracle after miracle in the building of this nation and in the spirit of this wonderful people," the British premier said.

Prime Minister Peres responded by saying that he had been impressed with the success of Thatcher's visit. "We had very constructive talks. But I must say we would be bored to death if we resolved all our problems," Peres said. "We are a dramatic people and we need drama in our lives."

She said: "Britain knows the problem of terror directly. A way will have to be sought to combine peace with security. I never separate the two."

She continued: "Yasser Arafat disappointed everyone when he could not deliver the goods."

## Rabin rejects Thatcher's call for West Bank poll

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday rejected British Prime Minister Thatcher's proposal for elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. He also criticized European leaders for failing to help improve living conditions for West Bank Arabs.

In a half-hour meeting with Thatcher, Rabin told her that he found her suggestion for municipal elections in the territories "very strange." Thatcher said on Sunday that elections would encourage a new leadership among moderate Arabs.

"It seems to me very strange that

## How it all began - the 1984 bus hijacking

At the root of the controversy surrounding the head of the General Security Service is the hijacking of the No. 300 bus bound for Ashkelon in April 1984, and the killing by members of the Israeli security forces of two captured terrorists.

The commander of the counter-terrorist, Tat-Aluf (now Aluf) Yitzhak Mordechai, claimed at the time that he had handed over the two badly beaten terrorists alive to the Border Police who, in turn, handed them over to members of the GSS for further questioning.

Mordechai used his revolver to hit the two - moments after his troops had stormed the bus - to get information from them on whether there were any explosive devices left on the bus that could endanger the survivors.

But the GSS agents involved in the incident contested Mordechai's version, claiming that by the time the two terrorists were handed over to them, they were already dead.

The censor initially prohibited the Israel press from publishing the news that the two terrorists had been killed after they were captured. But after *The New York Times* had published the information, a commission of inquiry headed by Aluf (res.) Meir Zorea recommended that the circumstances of the incident be investigated.

State Attorney Yona Blattman was named by the attorney-general to conduct the investigation and subsequently recommended that Mordechai be tried for his part in the affair.

But since Mordechai is in the army, he was subject to the IDF's autonomous legal system. The army appointed a disciplinary court consisting of a single officer, Aluf Haim Nadel, who, in October last year, cleared Mordechai of any complicity in the affair.

Unlike the army, the GSS is subject to the attorney-general's jurisdiction, and the investigation of its role in the affair was conducted by a judge appointed by Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir. All the GSS personnel were acquitted.

### ANALYSIS HIRSH GOODMAN

The possible repercussions of Zamir's pursuing his intentions are potentially so grave, *The Jerusalem Post* was told by reliable sources on Sunday, "that they could be ultimately have the kind of impact of the (Kahan) Commission into the Sabra and Shatila affair."

It is for this reason, the source explained, that Peres, who was not prime minister at the time of the incident and who did not appoint Shalom, has chosen the course of action he has.

Peres, it is understood, has enjoyed the support of key members of the inner cabinet in applying pressure on Zamir not to ask the police to prosecute. Those ministers feel, as does Peres, that the consequences of the charges being laid far outweigh the gravity of the legal aspects of the specific incident in question.

Peres, as the minister directly responsible for the GSS, could potentially be directly and personally implicated. Also potentially implicated is Yitzhak Shamir, who was prime minister at the time.

According to knowledgeable sources, the two could come under suspicion of having obstructed the pursuit of justice, and of having knowingly allowed a senior military officer to be "sacrificed" to protect people under their own jurisdiction.

## Cabinet meets for second time last night Standoff on future of security chief Shalom

By BENNY MORRIS  
and ROY ISACOWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

The political standoff over the attorney-general's demand to launch a police investigation of the head of the General Security Services, identified as Avraham Shalom, continued to wrack the government last night. The inner cabinet met for the second time within 36 hours on the issue.

The meeting was still in session late last night.

Sources close to Prime Minister Peres said that while he continues to uphold Attorney-General Zamir's right to initiate a police investigation of the head of the General Security Services, he had no intention of giving in to the attorney-general on the substantive issue.

The sources, however, added that Peres did not anticipate an outright clash with Zamir or that the affair would engender a government crisis. All the inner cabinet ministers are reported to be supporting Peres on the issue. The head of the GSS remains in his post.

Sources close to Zamir reiterated that the attorney-general had no intention of resigning in the near future or before the investigation of the security executive was well and properly under way.

Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev yesterday obliquely added fuel to the idea of a solution by suggesting in media interviews that a police investigation in this case "remained hypothetical" and that it had not yet begun.

The deadline for a solution seemed yesterday to be the return of police Inspector General David Kraus from abroad next week, at which point Zamir's instruction to investigate would be activated.

Zamir has so far refused to make public any details of the GSS's alleged misdeeds which, according to foreign reports, include a blanket cover-up of the alleged killing by the GSS of the two Arab hijackers of a Tel Aviv-Ashkelon bus in April 1984.

According to the reports, the head of the GSS,

tampered with evidence, suborned witnesses and withheld relevant documents from two commissions of inquiry that investigated the killings in 1984 and 1985.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin declined yesterday to speak of the affair but asserted that he "opposes any limitation of the authority of the attorney-general." There was no question, he said, of "the government being above the law."

As to how to deal with terrorists, Rabin said that in battle the norm was to shoot to kill, but once terrorists raised their hands, they must not be harmed. (The reference was apparently to the killing of the two Arab terrorists captured alive in the bus hijack.)

Justice Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, commenting publicly for the first time on the affair, said that the government had not interfered in the

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## Aide to Shin Bet head protested dismissal High Court appeal led to probe

By ASHER WALLFISH

The controversy between Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir and Prime Minister Shimon Peres over the investigation into alleged offences by the head of the General Security Services, identified by the U.S. television ABC network as Avraham Shalom, would not have come to a head over the past three or four days had it not been for an appeal to the High Court.

One of three aides of the security head, recently dismissed from the GSS, took legal action last Thursday on the grounds that his dismissal had been improperly motivated.

It is customary for the attorney-general to represent the government and its agencies in such legal actions. It was only after he and two colleagues left the service - two were dismissed and the third agreed to resign in return for high severance pay - that they began to forward their complaints against Shalom to the attorney-general's staff.

Cases of various attorneys-general refusing to represent the government before the High Court of Justice are rare, though not entirely unknown. When Justice Aharon Barak was attorney-general in the 1970s, he refused to defend the Ministry of Interior on the issue of a convert's registration in the Population Registry. He also warned the finance minister on another occasion that he would refuse to defend in the case of the wife of then-prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, Leah. In a third episode, Barak agreed that a lawyer from outside his office should represent the Film and Theatre Censorship Board in an application against it.

The government cannot request a lawyer to represent it before the High Court instead of the attorney-general without the latter's consent.

## Zamir decision at centre of no-confidence votes

By ASHER WALLFISH  
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The controversy over Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir's decision to investigate the head of the General Security Service will be the crux of two motions of no-confidence in the government to be heard in the Knesset this afternoon.

This, despite the fact that when the two motions were originally tabled last week by the Citizens Rights Movement and the Tebiya, their theme was the government's failure to legislate the bill outlawing incitement to racism.

Prime Minister Peres, who will reply to the two opposition motions, told last night's inner cabinet meeting what he would say to win coalition support in the House.

Although the Likud was near-solid yesterday in condemnation of Zamir, the Alignment sat on the fence. Its faction meeting in the afternoon opposed all calls to restrict the powers of the attorney-general but declined to commit itself in the case of the head of the GSS on the grounds that it lacked the relevant information.

The Alignment got Peres's agreement for a meeting this morning with four faction members to hear his view of the affair.

Remarks by Alignment MKs mainly warned against "opening a Pandora's box," "sparing the General Security Service all harm," "forestalling the resignations of security experts," and "not doing anything to impede the battle against terror."

Peres told Knesset Law Committee chairman Eliezer Kulak, that he would not appear before the committee to talk about the affair. He said he would also refuse permission for Attorney-General Zamir to brief the committee.

The prime minister was responding to a demand by committee member Victor Shemtov (Mapam) that Zamir brief the committee. Kulak said he would not object if Peres gave his permission.

Peres said that the next attorney-general will be apolitical and that his actions will be determined by the good of the State alone. He should exercise his discretion where security is concerned. It is to be regretted that the government did not make haste to appoint Zamir's successor after he announced his resignation.

## Taba solution 'very close'

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

A solution to the Israeli-Egyptian impasse in the Taba talks is "very, very close," Egyptian sources said last night.

The sources, speaking after U.S. State Department legal adviser Abraham Sofaer had completed three days of talks in Cairo, seemed to indicate that Egypt had moved towards accepting one of the American proposals for a compromise on the formulation of the vital question which the Taba arbitration panel will be asked to answer.

Sofaer was due back in Israel last night.

## An Israeli's lesson from Chernobyl

Jerusalem Post Reporter

People who work in nuclear power stations or otherwise run a high risk of radiation exposure should have their tissue-exposure recorded and filed in case of accident. Potential donors of bone marrow of that same tissue-group should be located and listed, so that if an accident does occur transplant operations can be attempted without delay.

This is one of the key lessons that Dr. Yair Reisner, a Weizman Institute researcher, brought back from the USSR, where he helped American doctors perform bone marrow transplants on victims of the Chernobyl disaster.

Reisner has offered this finding as a recommendation to the relevant authorities, and yesterday he offered it during her visit in Rehovot to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who heard him out in great attention and thanked him publicly. (See story, page 3)

Reisner was placed close to the British leader at a lunch in her honour at the Weizman Institute.



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## 500 feared dead when river boat sinks

DACCA (AP) - A double-decker river boat carrying about 1,000 people capsized and sank during a storm on Sunday, reportedly leaving at least 500 people dead.

Officials said rescue workers had so far recovered 76 bodies and that many more were apparently swept downstream. The officials said they expected to find more bodies in the hull of the vessel, which sank in the Meghna River, 227 kilometres south of here. A Bengali newspaper said at least 500 were feared dead.

President Hussain Muhammad Ershad flew to the scene of the accident. A government inquiry has been ordered.



Amnon Rubinstein (Israel Sun)

## Rubinstein: Bid to suppress information is 'doomed to failure'

Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein criticized as "futile" and "inexpedient" the government's decision to try to keep the lid on the "senior official" affair and to suppress information about it.

"In a country the size of Israel, which is full of leaks, such an attempt at hushing up an affair of this sort is doomed to failure," he said. He anticipated that more details would emerge in the coming days.

Yet Rubinstein himself contributed to the hush-up, and would give no details about the case beyond reiterating the gist of the prime minister's statement to the cabinet, which stressed the importance of the "security aspects" in the affair.

Rubinstein forcefully rejected the allegation that Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir was the source of the weekend leak which opened the floodgates of publicity.

"Why, Zamir wouldn't even talk to any minister about it, wouldn't even hint at what was going on, for months, without asking permission of the prime minister," he said.

Rubinstein more than implied that the coalition lineup critical of Zamir's insistence on investigating and prosecuting the head of the General Security Service.

"I stand behind Zamir and the attorney-generalship to the hilt," Rubinstein said, acknowledging that he is one of less than a handful of ministers who support Zamir.

Rubinstein dismisses the "security" argument used by Zamir's critics in attacking his decision to start an investigation which would lead to the probable prosecution of the head of the GSS (named in the media abroad as Avraham Shalom).

"There is no clash between the law and the interests of state security. The law provides for security considerations. For instance, it allows the attorney-general to decide on closed proceedings and even to shelve investigations and prosecutions," says Rubinstein.

Rubinstein stressed that most people discussing the affair "are not aware of the facts of the case," apparently referring to the gravity of the suspicions against the head of the GSS.

Rubinstein does not see the affair as ultimately causing a conventional Likud-Labour split. Rather, the affair has united all the Likud ministers against the small band, which includes Rubinstein, who believe Zamir must be given a completely free hand in what they regard as the free of the supremacy of the law.

Rubinstein expressed confidence that the police, "who have a statutory duty," would efficiently carry out the investigation ordered by Zamir.

### IN PERSON By BENNY MORRIS

Zamir had also declined to talk to him about the affair. In a reference to some of Zamir's critics in the Likud and Tebiya, Rubinstein said that "anyone who says that Zamir was the source of the leak is lying."

Rubinstein, a former law professor, is one of the few exceptions in



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	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
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Safed	48	16-29	30
Haifa Port	48	16-29	30
Tiberias	48	16-29	30
Naazareth	48	16-29	30
Afula	48	16-29	30
Shomron	48	16-29	30
Tel Aviv	48	16-29	30
B-G Airport	48	16-29	30
Jericho	48	16-29	30
Goza	48	16-29	30
Beersheva	48	16-29	30
Eilat	48	16-29	30

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Chaim Herzog, Dr. Abraham Sacher, Chancellor of Brandeis University, and Dr. Steven Rosenberg, chief surgeon of the National Cancer Institute in Washington, D.C., were recipients of honorary doctorates at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev yesterday during the annual Board of Governors meeting.

## ARRIVALS

Some 70 Canadian Jewish leaders from Toronto and Montreal, for a 10-day visit to participate in this year's United Israel Appeal of Canada Prime Minister's Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Georges Fries, Mr. Joseph Landman, from Belgium; Mr. Harold L. Landman, from Canada, president of the Canadian Association of Ben-Gurion Univ. of the Negev; Mr. Adam Bronstein, Mr. Jonathan Budwiler, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Lederman, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Oelbaum, Mr. Sidney Spivak, from Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Abrams-Curjel, Mr. and Mrs. David Charles, Mr. Mel Perloff, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Charles, from England.

Mr. and Mrs. Erika Gittel, Mr. and Mrs. Muriel Halper, Dr. Isabelle Plante, Dr. Louis Rashid Sami, from France.

Mr. Mike Anstey, Mr. Mike Baskin, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Gold, Mr. and Mrs. Les Hersch, Mr. Bertie Lerner, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ralph, Mr. Herbie Rosenberg, from South Africa.

Mr. Isaac Menasse from Switzerland, President of the Swiss Association of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gross, Mr. and Mrs. David Hodan, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koteck, from Switzerland.

Mr. Isaac Auerbach, Prof. Sam Arovi, Mr. John Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Galus, Mr. Don Gartner, Mr. Irwin Goldstein, Mr. and Mrs. Kaye Goldstein, Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Klusick, Mr. Frederick Siegmund, Mr. Michael Sonnenfeldt, Mr. and Mrs. Spier, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Van from the U.S.

Mr. Malcolm Chalkin from Australia, all for the 16th annual board of governors meeting of the Ben-Gurion Univ. of the Negev.

## LATE SPORT

### Perkiss beaten

PARIS (Reuters). - Israel's Shahar Perkiss lost in the first round of the French Open yesterday to fifth-seeded Stefan Edberg, 6-3 6-4 6-4. Perkiss had made it through the qualifying rounds before falling to the Swede.

Other early first round winners were top-seeded Ivan Lendl, Boris Becker and Johan Kriek.

Among the top women players, third-seeded 16-year-old Steffi Graf of West Germany defeated her compatriot Andrea Beckner, 6-1 6-4.

### England win

A fine 81 by England captain David Gower, his future uncertain after a humiliating defeat by India on Saturday, laid the foundations of an exciting England victory in the second one-day international at Old Trafford yesterday.

India 254-6; England 256-5.

ETNA - Mount Etna, Europe's most active volcano, spewed smoke and ashes yesterday in what Italian experts said could be a prelude to a new eruption.

## HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

### Ida Nudel tells of her fears

## Concern here over health of refusenik Yuli Edelstein

By SARAH HONIG and LEA LEVAVI

**Jerusalem Post Reporters**  
TEL AVIV. - Severely injured Prisoner of Zion Yuli Edelstein is now in transit westwards, possibly to a prison hospital in European Russia. The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday. He is being moved in stages by train on the long journey, a very arduous undertaking for a man in his condition.

Meanwhile, it has been ascertained that the Soviet authorities have flatly refused to free him on medical grounds. Earlier they ruled against dropping the third and final year of his sentence.

One supposition is that the Russians may be moving Edelstein from his remote eastern Siberian prison camp near the Mongolian border, and transferring him to a large prison hospital in Leningrad. This is still unconfirmed. The only certainty is that he is being moved and is now said to have reached western Siberia.

Prisoners' transfers in the USSR can take months. Special prison cars are hitched to regular trains and unhitched when the train reaches another locality with a prison in it. The prisoners are taken to the local prison, to await the collection of more prisoners for the journey onwards.

Edelstein was severely injured in what authorities maintain was "a work accident." His pelvic bone was shattered and his urethra torn. He has a number of other injuries and has lately been reported to have

impaired vision and a serious bladder infection.

Doctors in Israel estimated recently that such injuries could either be the result of being run over by a car or falling from a tall building. He has been severely beaten in prison.

He is also reported to be undernourished and without warm clothing.

Meanwhile, Ida Nudel has decided to take drastic action to try to get out of the Soviet Union, according to a letter she recently sent to Wizo President Raya Jaglom.

Nudel's letter thanks Jaglom for trying to help her, but adds that she understands the efforts have not been successful.

"I cannot sit idly by and wait for the sweet moment," she said. "I do not know if you will help me when I act or leave me all alone, for my actions may disturb some higher purpose at the time..." Nudel tried to clarify the extent of her isolation in the Soviet Union. "I have only my dog for company. I can expect a visit of a good friend, just for a few hours, about once a year. In the past, I helped other Jews leave and was left behind. There is the fear of continuing to be left behind."

Nudel said not all refuseniks suffer equally. Those in Moscow and other large cities have more opportunities for cultural and spiritual satisfaction.

Nudel applied for an exit visa in 1971 but she was refused because she may have had access to state secrets. Her job was to find locations for factories which produced insecticides and enzymes.

## A driver's story: 13 hours a day with Kollek

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Teddy Kollek will mark his 75th birthday today, but Nahum the driver knows that time long ago stood still for Jerusalem's mayor.

"I get home at 8:30 p.m. wrung out and am asleep within an hour. If I put my head too far back in the chair when I sit down, I'm sleeping within a few minutes," says 36-year-old Nahum Ben-Natan who still does 25 push-ups each morning. "Teddy keeps going till midnight."

When Nahum reaches City Hall at 6:45 next morning, the mayor is already at his desk with a list of the day's instructions for his driver and general factotum.

For the past 15 years, Jerusalem's mayor has spent more of his waking hours with Nahum than with any other human being, and there are few better placed witnesses to the manic pace that has permitted Kollek to keep such a firm grasp on the city's pulse. Five years ago, Nahum's work day was cut back from 17 hours to 13 hours as an act of grace, but his boss's workday has remained the same.

"If he comes back from one of his trips overseas, even at 4 a.m., I pick him up at the airport and drive him not home but to his office either at the (Israel) Museum or City Hall. He gives me a list of officials' names to call, regardless of the hour, and he checks out with them what has been happening as if he's been gone a year. We then drive to take a look at the city."

In Kollek's vest pocket is a leather-bound pad that he constantly flips out as he drive to note things that require his attention, such as sidewalks that need grading for wheelchairs or streetlights that are not working. "Don't give Teddy a shirt for a present unless it has a



Wearing a Georgian ceremonial gown given to him as a gift, Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek cuts a cake at a surprise party in the municipal offices in Jerusalem yesterday.

When he is not engaged in actually driving the mayor, Nahum is employed on numerous other missions. Kollek regularly sends him out to check whether public works have been completed as promised. "With Teddy, it doesn't matter if you're a deputy mayor or a driver. If you're standing next to him when he thinks of something that needs doing, he'll ask you to do it."

Despite Kollek's girth, Nahum insists that his boss eats out very little. "If he's invited by a donor to lunch, he'll come just for dessert and coffee. He's just too busy. I usually bring 100-200 grams of *nahum* from the supermarket or some yoghurt which he eats at his desk. On our trips out of town to Haifa or wherever, he has never once stopped on the way to eat even a hummus."

When Nahum began the job in 1970, he drove a Valiant with a 2800 cc. engine. The four cars he has had since have been successively smaller. The mayor's present car is a 1700 cc. Ford Sierra. "I keep telling him we need a bigger car, that it pays in the long run," says Nahum. "He says 'We're going to end up on a motor scooter.'"

Kollek's legendary temper has not skipped over Nahum. "I used to take it personally until I realized that it passes even quicker than it comes. Once I pulled the hand-brake and just walked away from the car. He took over the driver's seat. When I got to the office, he apologized."

Today's birthday, Nahum knows, will not be an occasion for relaxation for his boss or for him. "He seems to be driven all the time with a feeling that he's not managing to do everything he wants. He wants to build an eight-story building in four days and it doesn't go." Nahum doesn't know how much longer he himself can last but his boss shows no signs of slowing down.

## Cities face water cuts this summer

Jerusalem Post Staff

City dwellers may pay for an extravagant allocation of water supplies to farmers, Agriculture Ministry plans indicate. While town dwellers use about 2 per cent of the country's water, compared to the farmers' 72 per cent, the ministry has told municipalities heads that if they do not cut consumption in their towns by 10-15 per cent, they may face shortages of drinking water this summer.

Jerusalem, Nazareth and Afula are among the cities facing such a shortage. The level of wells in the coastal area is now 224-3 metres lower than it has ever been in Israel's history, and only a 20-25 per cent cut in the country's water consumption in the coming year can bring water levels back to an acceptable minimum.

These statistics were reported by Agriculture Minister Arye Nehamkin on Sunday in a meeting with municipal heads. Last week, hydrologists called for a slashing of water quotas to farmers, and particularly to cotton growers. But Nehamkin, who announced a 10 per cent cut in water supplies to all sectors last month, made no mention of any measures specific to agriculture.

Water is sold to farmers at a 50 per cent subsidy, financed partly by the tax on water paid by city dwellers. Hydrologists have been calling for a cut in cotton growing, because, in addition to this high subsidy, cotton now fetches a very low price in world markets, and needs a great deal of water. Prof. Hillel Shoval, of the Hebrew University, said last week that "exporting cotton is like exporting water."

Shoval also pointed out that it was not this past winter's drought, but a consistent over-pumping of water in the past 10 years that was responsible for the depletion of the country's supply.

Meanwhile as the water levels in the aquifer drop, wells further away from the coast are becoming saline in an irreversible process.

## Jews from many countries attend ceremony in Morocco

### 150,000 mark Lag Ba'omer festival at Meron

Jerusalem Post Staff

SAFAD. - The festival of Lag Ba'omer began yesterday at Safad after the traditional procession bringing the Torah scrolls from Safad reached the tomb of the Mishna-period sage Rabbi Shimon Bar Yohai at Meron.

Over 150,000 people were present at Meron to mark the holiday, and many three-year-old boys were, in accordance with Hassidic tradition, given their first *haluka* haircuts.

Safad's Sephardi chief rabbi, David Dayan, protested against men and women, and men of the Circassian minority dancing in the procession in front of the Torah scrolls, which he termed a desecration.

Dayan, who has boycotted the procession from the Abu family home to Meron for the past few

years, demanded that future processions be arranged under his auspices. The traditional procession was originated by the Abu family 153 years ago.

In response, the head of the Abu family, Yosef Abu, charged Dayan with narrow-mindedness. He said that in his grandfather's generation - "and he was a more exalted rabbi than those of today" - Arabs and other non-Jews, and men and women, had all been invited to participate in the dancing in honour of the Torah. "It was all free then, and the honour of the Torah was upheld for five generations."

In Casablanca, over 2,000 Moroccan Jews living abroad, including 250 from Israel, were welcomed by an official government delegation at the Lag Ba'omer festival yesterday.

Interior Minister Driss Basri and

local provincial governors were present when the visitors joined several thousand other Moroccan Jews in a "hilloula" to the shrine of a Jewish holy man at Benahmed, 70 km. southeast of Casablanca.

The Israeli delegation was led by Rafi Edri, a Labour MK, and four other MKs. The event was also attended by Jews from France, Canada, the U.S. and Latin America.

Officials said the Jewish community in Morocco had decided to give the traditional annual pilgrimage special importance this year to mark the 25th anniversary of the accession of King Hassan. The king will give a speech to the assembled pilgrims. Basri said the presence "of a large number of your brothers from several foreign countries is a signal demonstration of the joy they feel in visiting their homeland."

## Aliya drops

Aliyah fell to a new low during the first four months of the year which brought only 900 new immigrants and 1,500 new temporary residents.

The figures are down 47 per cent compared to the same period last year, which had the lowest rate of immigration since 1948.

The main drop was in immigrants from Africa: only 250 arrived from Africa this year, compared with 1,900 during the first four months of 1985. The number of immigrants from other countries dropped 17 per cent compared with the same period last year.

According to the Central Bureau of Statistics, 405 immigrants and temporary residents have come from the U.S. this year, 209 from France and 364 from Argentina, compared with 469, 290 and 300 respectively last year.

## Chester Bowles, at 85

ESSEX, Connecticut (AP). - Chester Bowles, who served as governor of Connecticut, congressman and ambassador to India in a public career spanning more than a quarter of a century, died yesterday, a family spokeswoman said. He was 85.

## East-West in conflict on Berlin crossing

EAST BERLIN. - Communist guards stopped West German envoys crossing from East to West Berlin and warned U.S. diplomats of new border controls today as East Germany applied rules which Allied powers said could erode Western rights in Berlin.

The action came amid East-West deadlock over an East German directive last Thursday which demanded that diplomats accredited here should show passports when crossing the East-West Berlin border. So far, they have shown only diplomatic cards.

The U.S., Britain and France, whose protective presence in West Berlin depends on post-1945 occupation rights, rejected Thursday's note. They fear showing passports would acknowledge the East-West Berlin border as an international frontier and undermine "delicately balanced rights."

The de-escalation between East and West Berlin was only meant to mark the limit between the Soviet and other sectors, but East Germany's request is an apparent attempt to make it an official international border. (Reuters, AFP)

## Fears for universities over fund shortage

By LEA LEVAVI

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
TEL AVIV. - "I hold in my hand the report of the 1992 commission of inquiry on the deterioration of Israel's universities," declared Tel Aviv University President Moshe Many last night at a ceremony to confer honorary doctorates and fellowships, at the annual board of governors meeting.

Many quoted from the imaginary report that charted the universities' decline to the level of community colleges because of insufficient investment in books and research

equipment, a dearth of basic research, a brain drain, and other problems stemming from the budget squeeze.

This does not have to happen, Many said, if the universities develop a recovery and growth plan including selective increases in academic staff and in investment in libraries and laboratories. This would require a change in the government's priorities - with more money devoted to higher education - and realistic tuition fees, increased donations, and the sale of university services and know-how.

## 'Sabbath soccer match, violated TV rules'

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
Broadcasting Authority Chairman Micha Yinnon yesterday demanded an explanation for the live transmission on the Sabbath of the soccer match between Hapoel Tel Aviv and Maccabi Haifa. The authority's management committee, Yinnon said, had agreed that there would be no live transmission of sports on Shabbat.

Director-General Uri Porat defended the games' screening, saying that ITV had been under heavy pressure to relay the game live. It had been a rare event, he said, and one in which there had been great public interest. He emphasized that it should not be taken as a precedent.

Regular live transmission of soccer games was not feasible, he added, because the Israel Football Association would never consent for fear of hurting ticket sales.

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A bus will leave from 69 Hanassi Rd., Haifa at 4 p.m.

Our thanks to all who offered their condolences.

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## Study gives worst-case scenario figure of \$680m.

## New U.S. law could cut \$300 million from aid to Israel next year

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV — Israel may have to take a cut of \$300 million in the level of U.S. aid for 1987 according to a middle-case scenario of the impact of the budgetary Gramm-Rudman law on such aid. This is one of the conclusions which emerge from a study by Dr. Shai Feldman of the Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies published here this week.

The Gramm-Rudman law mandates the balancing of the U.S. federal budget by the 1991 fiscal year, to be accomplished in stages beginning with the present 1986 fiscal year. Earlier this year, Israel agreed to a reduction of \$125.6m. in American aid, in keeping with the budgetary restrictions which came into effect under the law.

Under Gramm-Rudman, the U.S. budget deficit must be reduced to no more than \$144 billion in the 1987 fiscal year. How many budgetary programmes will have to be cut, and by how much, will depend on the state of the U.S. economy at the time, the amount of taxes collected, and the gap between revenue and projected expenditure.

Shai analysed a number of variable situations and their impact on the level of aid to Israel. In the worst case scenario for 1987, in which the

national economy (of the U.S., not Israel) hardly grows, and the budget deficit must be reduced by law automatically by \$65 billion, aid to Israel would be cut by \$680m. out of the total of \$3 billion for which Israel is asking.

In a more likely middle-case situation, the cuts would be kept down to \$300m., of which \$180m. would be in military aid and \$120m. in economic aid. Anything between that middle-case scenario and the worst-case would mean cuts, that, in the economic field, would be detrimental to Israel's balance of payments, its foreign currency reserves and its ability to repay foreign debts falling due during that year.

In the military field, it would mean that Israel would not be able to keep up with ordnance and spare parts needs for its armed forces and for the Lavi project.

Feldman notes that half the annual U.S. military aid is devoted to maintaining the existing military establishment: one quarter goes to the Lavi project and one quarter to the purchase of additional armaments. If the U.S. economic and budgetary developments are such as to require big cuts in aid to Israel, it is obvious that the main impact will be on Israel's ability to purchase additional armaments.

Feldman, who says that it is nearly impossible to project developments beyond 1987, advises that if the cuts in aid to Israel in that year are not larger than those in 1986, no attempt should be made to seek exemption from the U.S. budget rules.

If the worst-possible-case scenario is closer to the truth, Israel will have no alternative but to ask for such an exemption, he fears.

In the longer-run, the study advises that Israel should be prepared to trim activities to the projected level of cuts in American aid. One form that such adaptation should take, the study recommends, is finding alternative means of American aid to Israel, outside the normal budgetary process.

An example of such an alternative would be a stepping-up of U.S. purchases of Israeli-made goods for U.S. Army units stationed in Europe. In this context, the study ends on a wry note in hoping that Israel will be flexible enough not to seek to collect Value Added Tax from such sales.

U.S. ambassador to Israel, Thomas Pickering, said on an Israeli TV interview that he hoped the present level of U.S. aid would be maintained next year, too. Most Israeli policy-makers believe in such an optimistic scenario.

## U.S.-Israel high-level economic talks soon

By AVI TEMKIN  
Post Economic Reporter

High-level economic talks between Israel and the U.S. are due to start in three weeks within the framework of the Joint Economic Development Group, a body of government officials and non-government experts.

The talks are to take place on the eve of the first anniversary of the launching of Israel's economic stabilization plan. Israeli officials said yesterday that they expected Prof. Herbert Stein and Stanley Fischer to attend the meeting. The U.S. delegation is also expected to include 10 to 12 administration officials and private specialists.

Stein and Fischer drafted a 10-point document which contained the main elements of economic policy adopted by the government last July. The two are unofficially regarded as the State Department's advisers on Israeli economic matters. Their opinion is thought to carry great weight within the administration.

Treasury Director-General Emmanuel Sharon said yesterday that the talks would cover government bond issues, saving schemes and the structure of the stock exchange. Sharon heads the Joint Economic Development Group, which was set up in 1984, together with U.S. Undersecretary of State Allen Wallis.

Secretary of State George Shultz this week sent a message to Finance Minister Moshe Nissim, stressing American support for the economic stabilization plan. Shultz also underlined the importance of the coming economic talks which, he said, represented a continuation of the "very frank and fruitful dialogue on economic and assistance issues" that officials of the two countries have held for a number of years.

## Contractor out on bail in police-defence deal

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Contractor Shraga Holzman, arrested on suspicion of defrauding Wizo, was yesterday released by the magistrates court here on NIS 70,000 bail.

The ruling was made possible by a deal between the police and the defence which has withdrawn an appeal to the district court.

## HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

## Haifa courts mix up over bail for suspect

HAIFA (Itim). — The magistrates' court here is to decide whether a drug suspect shall be released on bail — as the court has already ordered — or should go free without bail, as the district court has ruled.

Charlie Abutbul, 23, was arrested on May 13 on suspicion of trying to smuggle drugs to prisoners. But a few days later, the police laboratory determined that the material he had sought to pass on was not a dangerous drug.

Abutbul's lawyer went to the district court here on May 21 and obtained an order releasing his client unconditionally. On the same day, the magistrates' court said he could go free on NIS 10,000 bail.

The lawyer told the magistrates' court yesterday that in view of the district court ruling, its order for bail was illegal.

The magistrates' court is to rule on the matter this week.

## Remand ordered for suspected infanticide

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — A woman suspected of killing her day-old baby was remanded by the magistrates' court here yesterday for 12 days, during which psychiatrists are to advise whether she is fit to stand trial.

The woman, 31, a resident of Netivot, was arrested on May 23 after a Magen David Adom ambulance driver found the baby's body in a roller in her apartment.

The ambulance had arrived after an anonymous call reporting an abortion in progress.

A police representative said in court that the mother had caused the baby's death by striking and suffocating it. The woman, who is unmarried, told the court that she had acted out of fear.

## Sharir says too few U.S. Jews visit Israel

Jerusalem Post Staff

Non-Jewish tourism to Israel last year was 180 per cent higher than in 1975. But Jewish tourism rose only 78 per cent, Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir said in the Knesset yesterday.

Reviewing his ministry's activities in the context of the budget debate, Sharir said that only 20 per cent of American Jews had visited Israel since 1948. Last year, only four out of every 100 American Jews travelled to Israel.

Sharir said he would be leaving next week for a tour of the U.S. to urge American-Jewish leaders to prod their organization members to visit Israel.

## Politics also has a lighter side, 'but not in Israel'

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Abba Eban believes there is too little humour in Israeli politics and too much tension and resentment between people who disagree.

The veteran diplomat who now chairs the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, and who was addressing the opening of Israel's Children's Week at Beit Hanassi yesterday proceeded to give examples of foreign politicians' humour that he has collected over the years, as well as a few barbs of his own.

The very serious U.S. general and president, Dwight Eisenhower, commenting on the integration imbroglio in the American South in 1954, told Eban (apparently with unintentional humour): "If Abe Lincoln were alive today, he'd roll over in his grave."

Henry Kissinger, whom Eban accompanied 27 times from Ben-Gurion Airport to Jerusalem during the former U.S. secretary of state's stints in the 1970s, once rebuffed the Ukrainian mobocracy at Laskin. Eban explained that it was only the abbot who was permitted to speak there. "That sounds like the State Department under my control," quipped Kissinger.

And Eban recalled a Peruvian ambassador at the UN who, apologizing after a very long speech, noted that he hadn't brought his watch, to which the Israeli replied: "what you need, sir, is a calendar."

Eban's half-serious dissertation was dedicated to the late Nina Katzir, wife of the fourth president, who initiated Children's Week 10 years ago.

Because Katzir had retained her sense of humour even while dying of cancer a few months ago, and had dedicated herself to teaching English through the use of humour, Aura Herzog decided to dedicate this year's event to Katzir and to humour.

"It may seem odd to dedicate a week to children," the president's wife said at the Beit Hanassi opening. "Since our whole society revolves around them. But at least once a year one should use unconventional methods to strengthen the ties between handicapped and normal children, between olim and veterans, Jews and Arabs, and other groups of children."

Children's Week is organized by the Education Ministry and the International Cultural Centre for Youth in Jerusalem, under the patronage of Aura Herzog.

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## Thatcher at grave of B-G and at renewal project

Jerusalem Post Staff  
Visiting British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher yesterday heli-ported and motored around the country, paying tribute to Israel's first prime minister and first president, and inspecting an urban renewal project sponsored by British Jewry.

Thatcher first laid a wreath at the grave of David Ben-Gurion in Sede Boker in the Negev. Accompanied by Premier Peres and her husband Denis, she said she had "long admired Ben-Gurion, who represented all that is best in leadership."

"He took the best standards for living, the best things in which he believed, the best traditions and the best heritage and he brought them to life in this remarkable country," Thatcher said.

Thatcher then made a brief tour of the Ben-Gurion University campus in Beersheba and the Jacob Blaustein Institute for Desert Research, listening to explanations provided by Peres. She saw drip irrigation methods using saline water, viewed the fish tanks, and took in a desert "dream-house" made of adobe.

Wearing a flowered dress and light purple pumps, Thatcher projected a warm, far from iron, image. Starting out bare-headed, she later donned a hat as protection from the sun, while her husband took off his jacket, in keeping with the short visit's informality.

Peres accompanied Thatcher all day, something he does not do usually with visiting heads of government. Thatcher aides said the two prime ministers had clearly established good rapport.

Next came Ashkelon, which gave a royal welcome to Thatcher, to which she responded in kind, praising the "driving, sparkling city," and giving special credit to the "marvellous British Jewish community," whose adoption of Ashkelon, through Project Renewal, had helped bring together "people with such very different backgrounds."

Union Jacks lined the streets as Thatcher, her husband and Peres drove from a helicopter pad to a



British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher lends a hand at a cornerstone-laying ceremony for the Henry Ronsom ORT School in Ashkelon yesterday. With the British leader are Mr. Gerald Ronsom, left, Mrs. Ronsom and Prime Minister Peres. (Andre Bruttman)

dedication ceremony at the Burion Community Centre, in the city's Shimonshon neighbourhood.

Hundreds of kindergarten children, including many Ethiopians, had been waiting for over an hour to greet her, and it was rather a tired "Hevenu Shalom Aleichem" that they sang as Thatcher was escorted past dozens of press photographers to be welcomed by Mayor Eli Dayan, Project Renewal officials and local community leaders.

Dayan thanked Thatcher for finding time to visit Ashkelon, and praised the work of Project Renewal in helping the town's 60,000 people to help themselves. The Shimonshon neighbourhood was once one of the city's most depressed areas; under Project Renewal, buildings have been renovated, community centres built and a community spirit fostered, Dayan said.

From Shimonshon, Thatcher went to a cornerstone-laying ceremony for the Henry Ronsom ORT School, a comprehensive that is expected to cater to some 1,300 children when it opens in two years.

From Ashkelon, Thatcher drove to Rehovot's Weizmann Institute of Science, where she lunched with

Peres, Institute President Prof. Aryeh Dvoretzky and its Chancellor, Lord Sieff of Brimpton.

She thanked the institute for establishing a chair in chemistry in her name last year, and regretted that she did not have time to tour the laboratories.

Thatcher spoke of the historic contribution made by Israel's first president, Chaim Weizmann, to "both our countries," adding that "he personified the close personal, historical and scientific links between England and Israel."

She said that she had always been impressed by the way that Israel's scientists had been able to overcome the country's dearth of natural resources.

She complimented institute biophysicist Dr. Yair Reiser, recently returned from Moscow, where he served on a team carrying out bone-marrow transplants on victims of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. She said she had discussed with Reiser the adequacy of British precautions against nuclear accidents, and added that she would like a team of Israeli scientists to visit England this autumn to pass on the benefits of some of their research.

## Teller's advice on how hazards can be eliminated

## Underground nuclear reactor the 'answer for Israel'

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Nuclear physicist Prof. Edward Teller advises Israel to build an electricity-producing nuclear reactor underground, thus "eliminating" the danger from terrorism and environmental fallout.

The 78-year-old scientist, here on a week-long visit, also strongly supports Israeli participation in the U.S. Strategic Defence Initiative ("Star Wars") project which he believes will help in Israel's defence against short-range missiles directed against it by Syria and other Arab countries.

Teller says that despite the "very predictable" nuclear catastrophe at Chernobyl, Israel should have its own — safe — reactor to ensure independence in energy resources.

He told The Jerusalem Post that it would be unwise to build on the price of oil remaining cheap, since when the price is low, it becomes unprofitable to pump it. Wells in Alaska and elsewhere are closing down, and it could take years to start them up again. "There will be a shortage and an increase in price is inevitable," Teller said.

There are no underground nuclear reactors anywhere in the world, but they can be built, says Teller. The Negev, he believes, would be perfect for this purpose because of its low water table, which would ensure that there would be no danger to water supplies in case of an accident, and because of its sparse population.

Teller believes Mikhail Gorbachev was "absolutely right" in trying to keep the Chernobyl-disaster secret since disclosure would have caused a great panic in Kiev.

Teller, who defines himself as "a left-wing Democrat in my youth and now a right-wing Republican," says the Americans shouldn't have evacuated tens of thousands of residents after the Three Mile Island



Professor Edward Teller, left, was the guest of honour at a reception given in Jerusalem yesterday by the Biotechnical Institutions. He is seen here with Religious Affairs Minister Yosef Burg. (Rahamim Israeli)

nuclear reactor accident in 1979. "No one died from fallout, but someone died in a traffic accident when he tried to get away."

Teller says that in 1949 he chaired the world's first committee on nuclear reactor safeguards. "We turned down the building of a reactor of the exact type that broke down in Chernobyl — a graphite core and water

cooled — for the state of Washington... because it wasn't safe."

As to SDI, he believes that it has won support in Western Europe as countries there have come gradually to "understand its importance."

During a visit by Teller in 1985, West German ministers were opposed, but by the time he returned a year later, they were very interested, he says.

Asked whether Israel had joined the U.S. effort because it wanted scarce scientific research funds, Teller says: "Money for research is very important, but to avoid an attack or to defend against an attack from Syria is even more important."

He maintains that all those who have demonstrated against SDI — "for political reasons" — in the West are "left-wingers," while right-wingers support the project. "Except in Israel," he adds, "where the danger is more obvious and the left and right are able to agree on this to a greater extent."

Teller is attending the Tel Aviv University board of governors meetings. From here he will fly to Canada to raise money for the establishment of the department of nuclear medicine and heart research at the Biotechnical Institutions.

The Institutions train medical technicians in the use of nuclear equipment, including lasers, dialysis machines, heart and respiratory pumps and CT scanners.

The Institutions hope to develop a nuclear-powered heart-assist device, running on heavy plutonium, that poses no danger of explosion and would run for many years, as such nuclear material has a "half-life" of 99 years.

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## Official concedes 'incorrect actions' caused explosion

## Chernobyl nuclear death toll climbs to 19

MOSCOW (AP). — A leader of the Chernobyl clean-up team said yesterday he believed a series of "incorrect actions" caused the nuclear reactor explosion one month ago. He said the slowly rising death toll from the disaster now stood at 19.

Yevgeny Velikhov, vice-president of the USSR Academy of Sciences, told a news conference a final verdict on what caused the No. 4 reactor at Chernobyl to explode and release a cloud of radioactivity will have to wait until a government commission makes its report... and that "will take several months."

Pressed for an opinion on whether

the accident was caused by human error or mechanical malfunction, he said: "I think that a number of consecutive incorrect actions led to what happened."

Velikhov declined to elaborate. Asked about rumours that pregnant women from the evacuated zone were being advised to have abortions, Velikhov said only that doctors were giving "individual recommendations" to evacuees. He did not say whether any abortions were suggested.

Radiation levels around the stricken nuclear reactor are still high, but two other reactors at the power plant will be operating again by the end of

this year, the newspaper *Pravda* reported yesterday.

The Communist Party newspaper said decontamination work in the evacuated 30-km. zone surrounding the damaged power station is "entering an even course."

Radio Moscow noted that the U.S. bone marrow specialist Dr. Robert Gale had returned to the Soviet Union on Sunday to continue treating victims of the April 26 accident.

Gale told reporters as he arrived in Moscow that he could not provide an update on the number of casualties, officially given as 15 dead and 20 still in grave condition.

But before leaving Los Angeles on Saturday, he said, "We expect smaller numbers of additional fatalities."

Soviet Deputy Premier Lev Voronin, one of the leaders of the government inquiry into the accident, told *Pravda* that teams checking radioactivity in the air and on the ground in 240 locations several times each day found the level of radiation was falling by 5 per cent daily. "But it is still high near the reactor itself, requiring the use of special protective equipment," he added.

*Pravda* quoted Voronin as saying radiation readings around the reactor were varying widely, from near normal background levels to hundreds of roentgens per hour.

Western experts say 50 roentgens per year are dangerous to health, and 400 roentgens are lethal.

"We are removing the sources of radiation," Voronin was reported telling *Pravda*, and "at the same time we are beginning to prepare for the normal operation of units No. 1 and No. 2. Several months will be required for that purpose, but we will certainly put them on line this year."

The power station consists of two sets of paired reactors. The first two are located in adjoining buildings, as are the No. 3 and No. 4 units. It has not been made clear how far apart the two sets are. (AP, Reuters)

## New Colombia president pledges peace, democracy

BOGOTA. — Liberal Party candidate Virgilio Barco won a landslide victory in Sunday's presidential election, which was marred by bombings and guerrilla attacks in a few villages.

Barco, 65, is a U.S.-educated economist who favours admitting Cuba to the Organization of American States. He is to begin his four-year term on August 7, succeeding Belisario Betancur, of the Conservative Party.



President-elect Virgilio Barco. (Reuters)

With about 95 per cent of the votes counted, Barco had almost 58 per cent, or 3.87 million votes, of the 7 million votes cast. His Conservative Party opponent Alvaro Gomez had 36 per cent.

The political party formed by leftist guerrillas, the Patriotic Union, put up Jaime Pardo, a former federal judge who was fired for organizing strikes by court workers. Pardo got 4 per cent of the vote. It was the first time in Colombia's history that a guerrilla group had run a candidate for president.

Barco, whose victory had been expected since the Liberals' win in legislative elections last March, pledged to get to work immediately in order to ensure a smooth transition of power, but diplomats and political analysts agreed he was unlikely to fundamentally alter the course of a nation still dominated by a rigid two-party system and its oligarchy.

The president-elect told a packed audience of supporters at a central Bogota hotel that democracy had received "impressive approval," and that Colombia wanted to live in peace.

The peace issue, in a nation of 28 million beset by guerrilla warfare, street crime and drug trafficking, is likely to emerge as the thorniest problem facing the new head of state. (Reuters, AP)



President and Mrs. Reagan (L) join hands with youngsters as they take part in Sunday's Hands Across America celebration at the White House. Over 4.9 million people took part in the New York-to-California human chain to raise money for the hungry and the homeless. Gaps in the line were covered with ropes and ribbons — and even three prize bulls brought to the event by a Maryland farmer.

## Woman copilot pilot plucks convict from Paris prison

PARIS (AP). — A helicopter piloted by a woman yesterday plucked a prisoner serving 18 years for armed robbery from a rooftop in La Sante prison here and flew him out, official sources said. A second prisoner abandoned the escape at the last minute.

The escapee was identified as Michel Vaujour, 34, who was convicted March 8, 1985. He has numerous other convictions on his record, officials said. It was his fourth escape from custody.

Police said the second prisoner, Pierre Hernandez, 28, decided at the last minute not to join Vaujour and gave up.

Police said the helicopter flew into

the prison about 10:45 a.m. and hovered over a building. Two people were aboard the aircraft, one armed with a machine pistol. They dropped a line to Vaujour and then flew away.

Claude Roumet, head of Air Continent in suburban St. Cyr l'Ecole which owns the helicopter, said it had been rented by a woman about 30 years old. He said she was a regular client and had been flying his aircraft for five or six months.

The helicopter was later found abandoned on a soccer field in the Porte d'Orleans area of southern Paris. Police, fearing it may have been booby-trapped, inspected it with dogs.

## Nigerian student victims of police action up to 15

LAGOS (AP). — Eleven students shot by police during disturbances at a Nigerian university died of their wounds over the weekend, bringing the death toll to 15, doctors said yesterday.

They said the dead were 13 students and two workers. The latest deaths occurred at the teaching hospital of Ahmadu Bello University, the scene of Friday's clash.

The military government deployed armed guards at the nation's 14 universities in case the disturbances spread, and closed Ahmadu Bello indefinitely while a five-member panel headed by Maj.-Gen. Emmanuel Abisoye investigated the causes of the unrest. Radio Nigeria reported.

According to reports reaching Lagos, the trouble-centred around the objections of university authorities to male students entering females' dormitories.

Last month a peaceful march to express grievances, believed to stem from education cutbacks caused by Nigeria's oil-based economy's recession, took the students through the dormitories, including the female buildings, which are off limits to males.

The unrest erupted Friday after authorities suspended the chairman and the spokesman of the student union for violating the ban on entering the female area, according to Nigerian media.

## Bonner: 'Don't trust anything Moscow says'

PARIS (AP). — Yelena Bonner said yesterday that the knowledge she and her husband, Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov, were constantly photographed by Soviet authorities made her feel "like a microphone on a glass slide under a microscope — and it's a terrible feeling."

Mrs. Bonner who is to leave for home June 2, said their main fear on returning to internal exile in the town of Gorky was that her isolation would be increased and that the Soviet authorities would continue what she called their campaign of systematic disinformation about the couple.

"Don't believe anything that comes from the authorities about us," she said. "Letters, telegrams, films,

everything is false." She said her children would try to ring her once a month from the U.S. and that if they did not get through, "that means something has happened to us."

She was speaking to journalists after a meeting with three French cabinet ministers during a three-day visit here as part of a European tour on her way back to the Soviet Union from the U.S.

Two of them, Culture and Communications Minister Francois Leotard and Minister for Foreign Trade Michel Noir, were in 1984 the last foreign personalities to meet her in Moscow before she was forbidden to leave there. The third was Minister for Human Rights Claude Malhuret.

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## SPORTS

## State Cup preview:

## Betar after 2nd straight

TEL AVIV. — Betar Jerusalem, who won the State Cup last year with a 1-0 win over Maccabi Haifa in the final, will defend their trophy against Shimshon Tel Aviv in the Cup final at the Ramat Gan Stadium this afternoon. Kick off is at 5 p.m.

Betar, who missed out on the final run in the National league championship, are favourites to retain the State Cup. In the semi-finals, last week they looked a side with far more original ideas than their opponents today. Their 2-1 win over Maccabi Tel Aviv was an accomplished performance.

Shimon Shirazi, Betar's storming right back, was the matchwinner in that game during a three-minute purple patch. But Betar have other men who can swing a game in Uri Malmilian, Eli Ohanna and Avi Golder (who scored the winner in the semi-final).

To counter the Jerusalem talent, Shimshon will be relying heavily on two veteran strikers, Vicky Peres and Gideon Dahan, dangerous players when at their best, but no longer possessing the speed of a decade ago. The Yanshoni Quarter's other key men are Eyalim Arviv and Avshalom Ovadia. Haiman Asael, a 35-year-old stopper, Eli Cohen leads Shimshon.

## Maccabi Haifa face possible FA censure

Post Sports Staff  
Maccabi Haifa could be severely criticised by the Israel Football Association for their unsportsmanlike response to their defeat by Hapoel Tel Aviv in Saturday's crucial National league final.

Efforts were under way last night to convene a special meeting of the FA today to discuss the subject. Maccabi are a highly respected club both here and abroad. FA officials noted, adding that they should know as well as any other team that games are decided on the pitch.

## Melee in ticket line for Houston Rockets game

HOUSTON (AP). — An estimated 6,000 people spent a night shoving and fighting for space in a line to tickets to the National Basketball Association championship. Police said 20 were arrested after a near-riot.

The crowd began gathering Saturday night at the Summit Arena in anticipation of Sunday morning's sale of tickets to the first game in the 3 between the Boston Celtics and the Houston Rockets.

Rockets officials said the 4,500 tickets available were sold within 90 minutes. Of the 6,000 or more people who waited all night sprawled along sidewalks, lawns and in a field, fewer than 1,000 were able to purchase tickets, police said.

People were stampeding, screaming, shoving and fighting for a place at the front of the line. Police used nightsticks and dogs to control the unruly crowd that cursed, fought and threw bottles at them.

Those arrested were booked for offenses ranging from assault on an officer to public intoxication, police said.

## Pazderova impressive

By JACK LEON  
TEL AVIV. — Former Czech tennis top-tenner Michaela Pazderova, 21, yesterday continued her comeback attempt with an impressive 6-4, 7-5 quarter-final singles victory over Israel's no. 4 seed Dalia Citron in the Masters event of the three-tournament Vanessa Phillips Women's tennis Association satellite circuit.

Pazderova climbed to as high as 76th in the WTA's world singles rankings in 1983 before quitting the pro-circuit. In the semi-finals, she lost to South African Linda Lindqvist, who in the quarterfinals was defeated by 7-6, 6-3 by highly-promising Nahariya girl Hagit Ozyoren, the big "find" of the circuit among home competitors.

## Volleyball championship for disabled opens

Post Sports Staff  
TEL AVIV. — Education Minister Yitzhak Navon last night opened the world volleyball championship for the disabled at Beit Haholohem here.

Six countries, Poland, West Germany, France, Britain, the U.S. and Israel are participating in the four-day tourney.

In a first game, West Germany beat Britain 3-0 and Israel won due to most Poland last night. Several thousand people attended the opening ceremony which featured a display of artistic gymnastics by a Hapoel Pitha Tropa troupe.

## Clemens chasing the record books

NEW YORK (AP). — Roger Clemens of the Boston Red Sox, who entered the record books earlier this season for strikeouts, almost got there again Sunday.

Clemens held Texas hitless for 7.2-3 innings before Oddibe McDowell singled and wound up with a two-hitter as Boston beat the Texas Rangers 7-1.

"The sky's the limit," Clemens said after striking out eight and holding over the major-league lead with 21. On April 29, he struck out 28 Seattle Mariners in setting a new league record.

In other American League games, Kansas City edged Chicago 2-1 in 17 innings, New York beat California 6-5, Detroit edged Oakland 2-1, Toronto routed Cleveland 5-1, Minnesota beat Milwaukee 4-3, and Baltimore downed Seattle 6-3.

In the National League, Los Angeles stopped Philadelphia 6-2. San Francisco ripped Montreal 11-3, New York topped San Diego 4-1 in 11 innings, Cincinnati downed Pittsburgh 7-0, Houston tripped Chicago 2-1 and Atlanta defeated St. Louis 6-2 in a game shortened by rain to 5-1-2 innings.

TENNIS. — France won the Team Tennis World Cup for the first time when they beat Switzerland and Davis Cup holders Sweden 2-1 in the final in Dusseldorf, West Germany.

France's recent victory when Henri Leconte and Guy Forget beat Mike Tsonander and Anders Jarryd 6-3, 2-4, 6-2 to win the doubles.

GOLF. — Laurie Rinker shot a 64 and took advantage of a fade by Beth Daulton to come from five strokes back and win the \$250,000 LPGA Championship with a 18-under-par 278 total. CRICKET. — England's first-day test match hit a challenging 254 for six in their 25 over. All-India with 30 overs left England had reached 93 for two with Captain David Gower on 42 and Lamb on 29.

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# The King vs the PLO

Journalist Jawad Bashiti, in the March 15 issue of the PLO magazine *Falastine al-Thawra*, offered the following analysis of how the Jordanian monarch has changed his attitude towards the PLO and peace negotiations

King Hussein has rapidly moved from confirming his differences with the PLO leadership to impugning the legality of that leadership. From there he proceeded to call upon the Palestinian people to choose an alternative organization, till he finally demanded that the Arabs re-examine the Rabat resolutions. What now?

In an interview with *Al-Siyasa* of Kuwait, Hussein almost brought his disagreement with the PLO to the brink of complete rupture. For if the Palestinian leadership were to withdraw its commitment to the agreement of February 11, that would be tantamount to Palestinian approval of the king's withdrawing his commitment to the agreement, which the Jordanian government did not at any time adopt as a basis for joint political action with the PLO.

Despite the important concessions by the Palestinians in the agreement in question, Jordan, in coming closer to the American position vis-à-vis the PLO and the Palestinian problem, has exerted strong pressure upon the PLO to make further concessions. At the same time, the efforts, which it says it has made to influence the American administration, have not brought about the desired change in American attitude. It is as though the resultant equation is that everything the PLO leadership puts forward is a reaction to the American administration and Israeli government refraining from proposing anything worthwhile.

The king announced, in a speech he delivered on February 19, the termination of his political alignment with the PLO leadership, "until its utterances signify commitment, reliability and firmness."

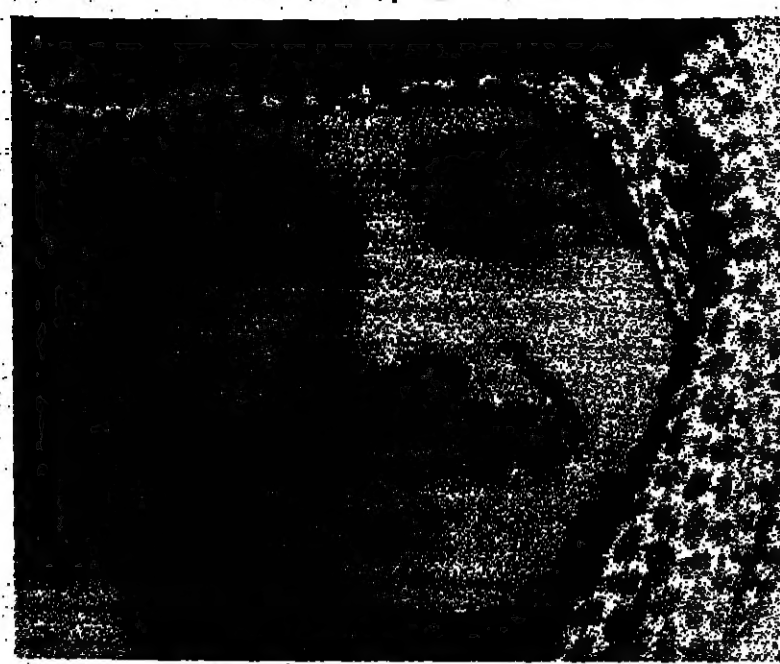
He said that the Jordanian government was with the PLO leadership and not with the organization itself. For the PLO, according to what he said in his speech, is still the sole lawful representative of the Palestinian people.

AT FIRST one could regard the king's attitude towards the PLO, as expressed in his speech, as a determined attempt to force the Palestinian leadership to re-examine its attitude to the American offer, which he received on January 25. This, according to the king, took the form of a written pledge, while he knew that the responsible American officials had later made it clear that the reference to that offer in his speech was "in no small measure distorted."

Nevertheless, it appeared at the time that acceptance by the PLO leadership of the American offer, which King Hussein regarded as "a miracle of Jordanian policy," was an indispensable condition for restarting joint political activity between the Jordanian government and the PLO. For the PLO leadership's attitude would not be characterized by "reliability, commitment and firmness" - from the Jordanian point of view - unless it accepted the American offer.

Perhaps the Jordanian authorities had already prepared a plan for sowing new dissension within the ranks of the PLO, so as to present the contending parties on the world scene as a "Palestine Liberation Organization" freed from "foreign pressure" and sensitive to the problems and issues of its people; seeking, not rule or domination, but "liberation of the land and deliverance of the people."

Or perhaps they were for accepting the proposal of Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Minister of War, to add eight or nine "moderate" Palestinian personalities, who were acceptable to the Israelis, to the Jordanian delegation which was to conduct the negotiations. The Jordanian authorities would then present those eight or nine persons to the world as the desired PLO, while every Palesti-



King Hussein (above) and PLO chief Yasser Arafat (Camera Press)



King Hussein (above) and PLO chief Yasser Arafat (Camera Press)

nian would be "a natural enemy within the PLO."

AT ALL events, once the king had delivered his speech, he immediately began to disclose his true intentions. In an interview with *The New York Times*, he expressed his misgivings about Arafat's leadership of the PLO, indicating that "the Palestinian people" would ultimately decide who was its lawful representative. He also stated that Jordan would welcome a Palestinian body chosen by the Palestinian people instead of the PLO.

The king then changed his tactic of thrusting aside the PLO in his war against its leadership. In this interview he did not content himself with voicing his distrust of Arafat's leadership; he went much further and called upon the Palestinian people to choose an alternative body to the PLO.

Some days later, in an interview with the Kuwaiti *Al-Siyasa*, he revealed his true intentions. "We wish," he said, "to see the emergence of a Palestinian entity which will be alive to the more sensitive aspects of its cause in a responsible manner. For there can be no cooperation with the present leadership of the PLO." He explained that the aim of his speech had been "the emergence of Palestinian forces concerned with regaining the land and the man of the land, instead of seeking power," and that "when there appears someone who represents the Palestinian people, we will be with him and there is no question of our cooperating with someone who is unreliable."

The king further added: "The right of self-determination is a matter that applies specifically to a people, which has sovereignty over its own territory. The leadership of the PLO has put forward matters to

which we did not agree. If only they had stated from the outset that they were out for power, and not for regaining the land."

After this introduction the king said what he has been wanting to say for years past: "It is necessary to re-examine the Rabat summit resolutions, which regard the PLO as the sole lawful representative of the Palestinian people."

Thus the king moved rapidly from confirming his differences with the PLO leadership to casting doubt upon the legality of that leadership, "with which, after day, there can be no possibility of cooperation." From there he moved on to urging the Palestinian people to choose an alternative body to the PLO. Finally, he called upon the Arabs to re-examine the Rabat resolution.

THE KING took all those steps without having an answer to the cardinal question: What follows after propelling events in the direction of a complete break with the PLO?

The answer came quickly enough from Yitzhak Rabin. In an interview with the Jerusalem daily *Al-Kuds*, the Israeli War Minister laid down four conditions for beginning negotiations with Jordan. These were:

(1) that the negotiations should be direct and bi-lateral, i.e. between Israel and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation including leading personalities from the West Bank and Gaza and elsewhere, provided that they are not members of the PLO;

(2) rejection of the idea of an international conference, and also of an international umbrella;

(3) refusal to allot any role to the Soviet Union in the negotiations;

(4) allotting a special role to those negotiations to the U.S.

Indeed, King Hussein would have to accept those four conditions if he

really wishes to achieve results consistent with the views he previously enunciated. For peace negotiations held apart from the PLO, and indeed in opposition to it, cannot be conducted within the framework of an international conference attended by all the parties to the dispute, as well as by the five permanent members of the UN Security Council.

The king's commitment to the positions expressed in his address, and in his subsequent declarations, can only lead to direct negotiations between Israel and a Jordanian delegation including leading Palestinian personalities acceptable to Israel under the aegis of the U.S. Furthermore, such negotiations might perhaps take place in an American city, as previously suggested by President Reagan.

It cannot have escaped King Hussein that the international conference he has repeatedly called for, would be the first sacrifice in the war he has proclaimed against the PLO. ALTHOUGH the king's intentions, as they appear to us, are unacceptable, we shall try to discuss them in good faith.

The king began with a superfluous statement: "The right to self-determination in practice concerns a people exercising sovereignty over its own country." So far we have no quarrel with the king, since there can be no disagreement here, except in very rare cases, over self-evident truths. For the liberation of the land from foreign occupation logically and historically precedes the people's exercising the right to self-determination.

From this perfectly correct premise the king deduces that the PLO's insistence that the American administration recognize the Palestinian people's right to self-determination, as a precondition to its acceptance of Resolution 242, is unnecessary. Indeed, he goes so far as to consider it as opening up the way to foreign intervention in the internal affairs of the Jordanian and Palestinian peoples. This is a completely false conclusion from a completely correct premise.

At a meeting with a delegation from Jerusalem the king said: "After 19 years of occupation, and as a result of the agreement of February 11, we have within a short space of time come close to translating the resolution of the Arab summit at Fez into reality. We are now coming to the stage of the international conference which the secretary-general of the United Nations is calling for, to be attended by the five permanent member nations of the Security Council and the parties to the dispute concerning the Palestine problem, including the PLO. The initial stage of the journey has been accomplished as far as the last lap... However, for reasons known to themselves, the brothers in the PLO have changed their minds. We have consequently reached the point where it has become necessary for me to place matters in all their details before the public at large."

The king's view was that the PLO should accept the American offer, i.e. it should clearly and unequivocally accept Resolution 242 as the legal and political basis of the peace talks, and be prepared to negotiate with the Israeli government within the framework of our international conference, and express its condemnation of terrorism. All this was to be in return for the American administration's withdrawing its objection to the PLO's joining the international conference called for by the secretary-general of the UN. The PLO would then be free to put forward its demand for self-determination during the proceedings.

THE MAIN issue, which the king is ignoring or trying to dodge, is the question of guarantees. Let us suppose that the PLO agrees to the American proposal and that the

secretary-general of the UN invites it to join the international conference, and that the U.S. administration does not object to this, and that Israel exercises its right, granted to it by the U.S., to object. Would the conference then take place? And would the U.S. then force Israel to withdraw its objection to taking part?

Thus there are no guarantees that Israel would not object, or that in the event of its objecting the U.S. would compel it to withdraw its objection and to attend the conference.

In view of the absence of any such guarantees, it is possible that the international conference would not take place and that the peace talk would therefore break down, so that all the PLO would have gained would be the disgrace of accepting Resolution 242. If the PLO takes such an eventuality into account, it will insist upon the U.S. recognizing the Palestinian people's right to self-determination before the conference meets.

It would be a mistake to think that if the U.S. takes such a step, it would constitute an adequate guarantee for the exercise by the Palestinians of the right to self-determination. The most it would mean is that U.S. recognition of such a right would provide a propaganda gain for the PLO and lessen its political embarrassment in the event of a breakdown of the peace talks. Or again, let us assume that the conference takes place and that the PLO puts the issue of self-determination before it for discussion, what guarantee would there be that the U.S. and Israel would agree on a settlement based upon the Palestinians implementing self-determination?

The requisite guarantees are as follows:

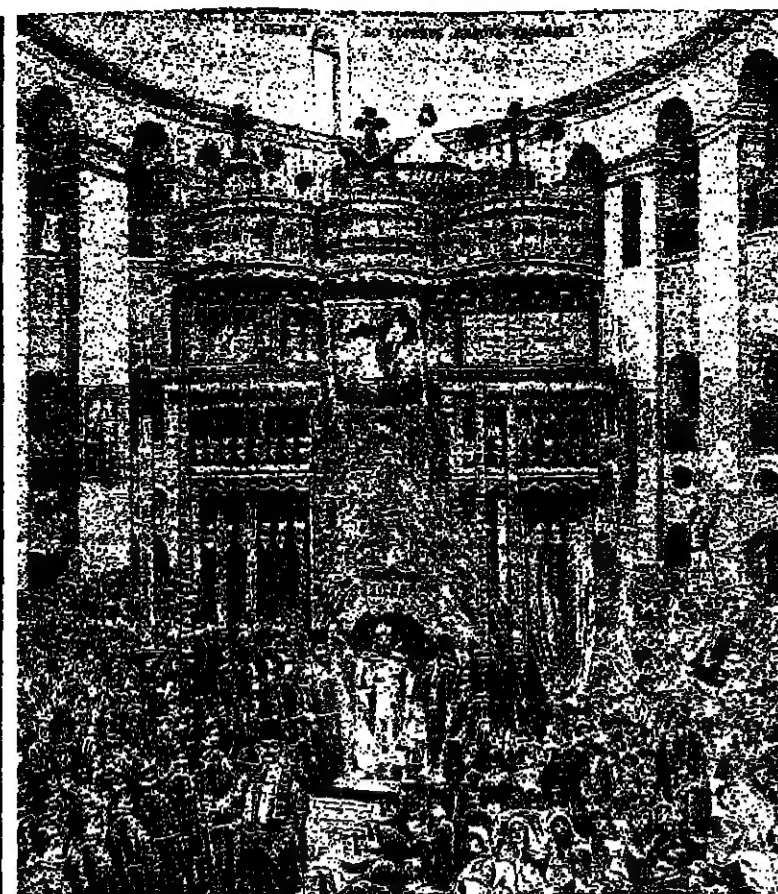
- (1) an international conference attended by all the parties to the dispute and the five permanent members of the Security Council;
- (2) the conference must be the only framework for peace talks;
- (3) the conference must be vested with the authority to decide that, if the negotiating parties fail to reach agreement on any issue, that issue will be brought before the conference, which will then take an appropriate decision binding on all.

All these guarantees are totally lacking. It is also clear that the king wants the PLO to relinquish its demand for U.S. recognition of the Palestinians' right to self-determination and attendance at an international conference, over whose constitution and powers no agreement has so far been reached.

The position is that if the peace talks between the Arabs and Israel could be held with a balance of forces more favourable to the Arabs than it is at present, there would be no reason why the PLO, or the Arab side, should call for any guarantees. The talks would then take place without any preconditions, since the Arabs would have the power to achieve their demands by force in the event of the talks breaking down, and that would be the main guarantee.

But the present balance of forces, both on the ground and on the negotiating table, is in favour of the Israelis. Hence Israel is demanding talks without preconditions, and for the same reason the PLO is demanding guarantees, so that it should not be the only loser in case the peace talks break down or in case, for that matter, they succeed.

(Translated by Israel Shen)  
The Middle East page is edited by Yehuda Litani



The Fire Bishop emerges

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## THE HOLY FIRE

THE police captain unfolds his map of the *status quo*. Syrians partitioned off at the Coptic rim, to the west Armenian outworks (and a listening post of Romanian nuns in a recess), a flying column of Greeks outside the Catholicon. Here is Greek security bearing down on Maronite infiltrators.

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"It's the Armenian fire-hole you're looking at. The Fire Bishop - he's the hero of the day - Damianos is praying hard at the slab over the tomb (that's where the fire starts). Or he's thinking: *My god, I forgot the matches*. Wouldn't that be awful, I mean if he forgot them? Wouldn't he feel a clumsy one, don't you think he'd feel a letter-down of the Greeks? When the fire frisks up to him, he lades it into this silver bowl he has. He'll be pleased the miracle hasn't kept him waiting. Punctual 1 o'clock. Lucky him! Damianos gathers himself together - after all, he is the Fire Bishop - and hands it out to his helpers. Who hand it out through the fire-hole. Happy Easter! Damianos comes out. He'll be standing, a little dazed maybe - that's only proper - at the tomb door. The first tapers he lights are the cleaning lady's." Her Frankish friend laughs. "But there's a lot of filling-in to do before 1 o'clock."

*Tiya tiya tiya*. Syrian piggyback riders. Tarboosh in one hand, hunting crop in the other. A small-town Antars sits akimbo on his friend's back. He's racing in the hippodrome of his lord. From up there, he cries to the Greek chatterbox: "Who brought this beauty?" Neither answers. The Greek girl rattles on, the tall girl laughs and attends.

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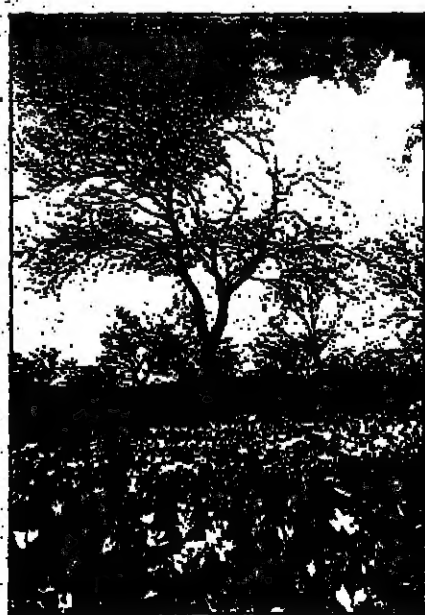
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## Optrotech and Fibronics had lower first-quarter profits

**Yesterday's Solution**

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9:30; Peace: Forbidden Relations 5,  
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**SIVATAVIN**  
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## MARKET PLACE

MACABEE DEAN

## Getting away with it

Smarting under the impact of the Bejick report, a few bankers, with only the slightest prompting, recently voiced their bitterness about the "discriminatory" system of dealing with "mistakes" in Israel. Their criticism was aimed not at the Bejick report on regulating the commercial bank shares as such, but at the State Comptroller's report, which year after year reports gross violations of "standard operating procedures."

They seem to be committed by anonymous persons, for blame is never pinned on any one in particular. And even after a civil servant is caught riding roughshod over members of the public, no mention is made of punishment, although his misdeeds may have cost the state huge sums of money or inflicted on its taxpayers hardships and miseries.

If the culprits in the Civil Service, government companies, local authorities, etc., were singled out and punished the same way the heads of the banks were punished, several hundred senior civil servants would be kicked out of their jobs each year.

Another criticism these bankers have is that the State Comptroller for years was himself guilty of a grave dereliction of duty.

He failed to take steps to stop the regulation of the bank shares. If there was anything not kept secret, if there was anything which was general knowledge — it was this regulation. It was recorded in every bank prospectus; there were many critical articles in the news media questioning the wisdom of regulation. But nothing was done as long as everybody was making (paper) money. Only when this (paper) money lost a good deal of its value was there an outcry.

Where was the State Comptroller all those years before the 1983 crisis? Why did he not take the Finance Ministry and the Bank of Israel to task years ago? This would have stopped the regulation before it got out of hand.

But the State Comptroller just quit. He was busy with other tasks, many of them involving the state's foreign currency reserves. He was busy with the state's foreign currency reserves, which should not be being transferred on the stock market, creating an unhealthy capital market.

Let us for a moment consider the comptroller's use of discretion and discretion, and your discretion. When's the last time the bank shares, also known as the bank shares, were sold? The bank shares, also known as the bank shares, were sold? The bank shares, also known as the bank shares, were sold?

The second question is even more interesting. Let us suppose that Yoram Aridor, then finance minister, had devalued the shekel in 1983. This would have prevented the rush into foreign currency of funds raised by selling bank shares. Regulators would be confronted with a different day. Everybody would have been a paper millionaire, until the inevitable crash came — and if the 1983 collapse here shook the economy like a strong wind, a crash today would have raged like a hurricane, something like the American stock market crash in 1929.

If anything in this country should undergo a thorough overhaul, it is the State Comptroller's Office. It should be turned into an effective means to rectify wrongs, not only report them.

Perhaps names should not be mentioned, if the fault uncovered is that of specific persons "tripped" by the bureaucratic labyrinth. And even if names are mentioned, the right of appeal should exist. But certainly the comptroller should every year estimate the sums of money wasted. Would these sums run into hundreds of millions, or even a billion, each year?

A suggestion. The comptroller's report should not be published all at once, with its present "boom and bust" effect on public interest. It should be published as soon as sections are ready, at least once a month, so that they create a sustained effect.

Moreover, the very word "civil servant" is a misnomer in Israel, for all too many government employees serve themselves first and foremost, and not the taxpayer. This being so, why not replace the outdated concept of "civil servant" with "government bureaucrat" or "apparatchik"?

**POVERTY** — Projections by the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean show that more than 170 million Latin Americans will live in poverty by the year 2000 — 11 million more than today.

## While sales dropped 4.7% profits were down 46.5% Koor Industries made a relatively good \$18m. profit in crisis year 1985

By MACABEE DEAN

TEL AVIV. — The "economic tempest" which raged through the country's economy last year had a telling effect on Koor Industries. "Yet we weathered the storm better than any other large industrial concern," general manager Yeshayahu Gavish said yesterday, adding that Koor had made a net profit, even if a much smaller one than in the previous year.

This net profit was only \$18 million on sales of \$1,968m., compared to a net profit of \$33m. on sales of \$2,063m. in 1984. Thus, net profits dropped by 46.5 per cent, while sales dropped by only 4.7 per cent.

Gavish explained that Koor's financial statements were drawn up in dollars — for the fifth consecutive year — for two reasons. "First, using the dollar as a basis gives a more reliable picture than using the shekel; secondly, we hope to raise \$100m. on American capital markets this year, and to do this, we would have to prepare our financial papers in dollars anyway."

If 1985 was a bad year compared to 1984, what are the prospects for the current year? So far, there has been no dramatic change, according to Joe Levy, head of operations control. For the first quarter of the current year, Koor had drawn up a work plan for sales of \$556m. Actual sales were \$555m. But the internal allocation had not gone according to plan. There was a nine per cent lag in exports, with only \$149m. being exported, but local sales were up by

four per cent, accounting for the rest.

Gavish also pointed out that there would be no change until the government took four steps: implemented its growth programme; reducing its intervention in the capital markets so that companies could raise capital at a "reasonable" interest rate; closing the gap between foreign currency income (especially in dollars) and the index, which was about 21 per cent; and providing incentives for exports to the "dollar bloc," mainly the U.S. The U.S. now accounted for 40 per cent of all Koor's exports, with the target for 1986 being 48 per cent.

But exports dropped in 1985. It they were \$660m. in 1984, the figure dropped to only \$603m. in 1985. But there were considerable variations within the total figure. For example, electric and electronic products rose from 34 per cent of the total to 38 per cent last year, but metals and steel products dropped from 21 per cent in 1984 to 18 per cent last year — mainly due to cutbacks at Soltam (arms and ammunition).

There was also a drop in chemicals and rubber, from 18 per cent to 17 per cent, but the two other main items, consumer goods and foods, and non-ferrous metals, remained at 16 and 11 per cent, respectively.

Gavish thinks that Koor Industries weathered 1985 so well — despite the general reduction almost along the whole line — due to several factors. One was introducing more efficient methods in the plants. More

specifically this meant amalgamating some plants and many departments, and the reduction of the workforce from 34,560 in 1984 to 33,710 in 1985.

Asked about pay, Joe Levy said that Koor continued to pay its employees about 20 per cent above the average.

At present (April, 1986) the "average" wage paid (i.e., the average of managers and labourers, etc.) was NIS 1,400 gross a month, which came to about NIS 1,000 net. Levy noted that this gross wage was 82 per cent of that paid in September, 1984, a peak month, but the net was 96 per cent of September, 1984, due to reduced income taxes.

Investments were also down, falling from \$216m. in 1984 to \$186m. in 1985. Nevertheless, last year Koor had set up five new plants and was completing another five. All were in development zones. But if physical development had dropped, there had been a rise in R & D expenditure, from \$51m. in 1984 to \$60m. in 1985.

Koortrade had a good year. Its exports rose from \$245m. in 1984 to \$268m. in 1985; imports rose from \$45m. to \$68m.; international trade increased from \$50m. to \$83m. in these two years. But internal trade fell from \$280m. in 1984 to only \$248m. in 1985, due mainly to lower sales of agricultural equipment and building supplies.

In all, Koortrade handled goods valued at \$637m. in 1984, compared with \$620m. in 1984.

## LABOUR BRIEFS

By TSIPPI KUPER

**A PROPOSAL** to exempt those self-employed who have low earnings from paying National Insurance premiums for three months was made recently by Labour Minister Moshe Katsov.

He plans to ask the Knesset Finance Committee to exempt those in the lowest income bracket, from paying dues for the first quarter of this fiscal year, until a revision of the law enabling them to pay lower rates is approved.

The revision is to update the payment scale, so that the maximum premium is charged from those self-employed who earn at least four times the average wage in the country. At present the ceiling is three times the average wage, and even those earning more than that pay the same rate.

Mr. Katsov says that the revision will reduce the premium for the majority of those employed, while making them drastically for the select few in the top income bracket. But the revision has met with strong opposition from the organizations of the self-employed, who say that the proposal discriminates against one sector of the work force.

**600 SENIOR ARMY** officers are to be released from service within the next few weeks and will be looking for work in the civilian market, according to the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry spokesman. It is unprecedented that so many officers from the rank of Rav-Seren (major) and up are all released within such a short time, he said.

This ministry formed a special division six months ago to help senior officers adapt to civilian life and to aid them in finding work or entering the national retraining courses.

Of the 140 officers the division has released up to date, 61 have found work and 22 enrolled in a variety of professional courses.

**THE CENTRAL** matchmaking was the name of the game at Tel Aviv University last Wednesday. Some 100 prospective employers came to the campus to participate in the annual "Job Fair." Students and graduates queued up to discuss job possibilities with them.

Full-time jobs were offered to social science graduates in fields ranging from community work and prisoner rehabilitation to insurance and banking.

Jobs were also available for graduates in chemistry, computer science and electrical engineering. Part-time and temporary jobs in the hotel business, in translation and as guards were offered to those who had not yet completed their studies.

**A CAMPAIGN** to help soldiers choose their civilian life occupation was launched recently. Vocational counselling workshops are now being held in a number of IDF units. The Hadassah Vocational Guidance Institute runs the workshops, in which vocational psychologists discuss professional aspirations and abilities with groups of 20 soldiers in their last year of IDF service. So far, three workshops have been held.

"We have found that the high school graduates are those with the most problems in choosing their career. Those who did not complete 12 years of schooling usually have a vocation by the time they are drafted or else learn one in the course of their service," the institute spokesman said.

**THE SELF-EMPLOYED** will no longer have to put in claims for army reserves (milutin) insurance pay but instead will receive the money automatically through their bank

accounts, starting from October 1987. The National Insurance Institute decided to set up a new computerized system to issue these payments on the basis of details provided by the IDF.

It will issue pay cheques or deposit the money directly into the self-employed's bank account, the NII spokesman said. The NII is now

checking to see how accurate the IDF's data on its servicemen are.

**THE CENTRAL BUREAU** of Statistics has stepped up its search for interviewers to carry out a family expenditure survey in June. Hundreds of people have already applied for the jobs in answer to advertisements.

## Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

## MARKET STATISTICS

## Indices:

General Share Index	117.82	-0.73%
Non-Bank Index	139.90	-1.58%
Arrangement	107.78	+0.01%
Insurance	122.97	-2.48%
Commerce Services	158.32	-1.21%
Real Estate	168.56	-3.19%
Industrials	129.05	-1.77%
Textiles	159.57	-2.51%
Metals	123.78	-2.47%
Electronics	108.48	-1.55%
Chemicals	126.03	-1.55%
Industrial Invest.	121.81	-0.38%
Investment Cos.	142.88	-1.57%
General Bond Index	108.45	+0.16%
Index-linked Bonds	108.57	+0.17%
Fully-linked	111.54	+0.27%
Partially-linked	108.24	+0.10%
Dollar-linked Bonds	99.17	+0.23%
Short-term 0-2 yrs	108.84	+0.02%
Medium-term 2-5 yrs	108.04	+0.19%
Long-term 5+ yrs	106.80	+0.42%

## Turnovers:

Shares - total	NIS 10,936,700
Arrangement	NIS 2,368,000
Bonds - total	NIS 7,570,700
Non-bank	NIS 3,604,700
Index-linked	NIS 1,580,600
Dollar-linked	NIS 1,844,100
Treasury Bills	NIS 275,900

## Share Movements:

Advances	70	(207)
Declines	9	(38)
of which 5%+	8	(11)
of which 5%+	225	(80)
"buyers only"	10	(1)
Unchanged	92	(89)
Trading Halt	42	(43)

## Bond Market Trends:

Index-linked	1.19% - 1.43%
3% fully-linked	Rises to 1%

## SELECTED PRICE QUOTATIONS

Name	Price	Volume	%	100NIS change
<b>Commercial Banks</b>				
(not part of "a. arrangement")				
Martinez	1080	2018	-2.9	
General non-arr.	27599	40	-1.5	
First Int'l	3850	2496	-1.4	
Piki	4000	9560	-1.2	
<b>Commercial Banks</b>				
(part of "a. arrangement")				
JDBr	61800	741	-	
Union O.T.	61490	71	-	
Discount	105350	214	-	
Mizrahi	33920	467	-	
Hapoelim r	55750	1168	-	
General A	143850	8	+0.9	
Leumi O.T.	38380	1893	-	
Fin. Trade	47500	-2	-0.8	
<b>Mortgage Banks</b>				
Leumi mort. r	5120	716	-3.4	
Dev. Mort.	1320	3805	-5.7	
Mishkan r	2672	1365	-5.0	
Telshet r	13850	105	-0.7	
Merriv	4890	882	-	
<b>Financial Institutions</b>				
Agric C	64540	27	+4.9	
Ind. Dev. DD	8300	221	-	
Cl. Lending 0.1	-	-	-	
<b>Insurance</b>				
Ararat O.T.	990	1417	-0.9	
Haasneh r	529	28331	-2.9	
Phosah O.T.	1155	657	-2.5	
Hemishmar	6900	92	-2.9	
Menorah T	7900	10	-1.2	
Sehar r	4350	240	-4.4	
Zion Hold. T	17020	25	+4.3	
<b>Trade &amp; Services</b>				
Mel Ezer	4695	-	-	
Superior 2	5380	1887	-	
Delaq r	5619	2984	-0.5	
Lighter	15009	103	-	
Cold Storage	3325	594	-6.0	
Den Hotels	5705	115	-3.3	
Yarden Hotel	3000	190	-	
Hilton T	11300	23	-3.4	
Team T	1801	529	-	
<b>Real Estate, Building and Agriculture</b>				
Azorim	652	13006	-	
Elion	378	579	-4.5	
Africa Int. O.T.	33650	156	-2.0	
Denkner	4680	382	-7.0	
Prop. & Bldg.	2700	3986	-5.3	
Baydela O.T.	4195	339	-6.7	
ILDC r	50200	231	-1.4	
Rasoco r	8631	331	-5.0	
Mehadrin	6693	1134	-4.3	
Hadarim	1078	2963	-3.8	
<b>Industrials</b>				
Dubek T	3900	838	-1.5	
Pr-Ze T	2215	501	-1.5	
Sunifrost	7880	789	-3.0	
Elita	14650	200	-2.3	
Adger	850	1409	-2.3	
Argaman r	11943	285	-10.0	
Delta G T	3465	1775	-1.7	
Maquette T	12720	s.o.1	-5.0	
Eagle T	9680	784	-2.7	
Schoellertina	14200	205	-3.7	
Rogovin	3693	557	-7.8	
Ordon O.T.	11900	394	-2.8	
Is. Can Co. T	1115	2101	-	
Zion Cables	2265	846	-8.5	
Pekker Steel	7381	208	-2.8	
Elitot T	443000	31	-0.4	
<b>Elron</b>	389000	10	-1.3	
Art	23817	285	-	
Clal Electronics	2880	2158	-0.9	
Spectron 1	2280	1579	-0.4	
T.A.T. 1	3818	184	-3.6	
Akerstein 1	1410	875	-8.0	
Agan 5	19950	163	-0.3	
Alliance	1549	532	+0.6	
Dexter	4180	148	-	
Fertilizers	6250	218	-	
Haifa Chem.	844	2455	-	
Teva	5390	65	-2.9	
Dead Sea r	14900	1662	-2.0	
Petrochem.	486	21624	-10.0	
Neca Chem.	3450	178	-10.0	
Frutaron	10050	117	-3.4	
Hadera Paper	20500	130	+1.0	
Central Trade	6290	164	-	
Koor p	not trading	-	-	
Clal Inds.	1426	15151	-1.4	
<b>Investment Companies</b>				
IDB Dev. r	3940	3831	-1.5	
Elion	not trading	-	-	
Artik 1	not trading	-	-	
Gahelot	1617	333	-1.9	
Israel Corp. 1	7150	770	+1.0	
Wolfson T r	103050	5	+10.0	
Leumi Invest.	4909	159	-0.1	
Hapoelim Inv.	5300	1284	-1.8	
Leumi Invest.	19950	153	-0.1	
Discount Invest.	2478	6255	-0.2	
Mizrahi Invest.	15214	88	-10.0	
Clal T	8346591	-4.6	-	
Landeco O.T.	10000	31	-	
Pama O.T.	9210	93	-	
<b>Oil Exploration</b>				
Paz Oil Expl.	12500	137	-1.2	
J.O.E.L.	1385	1779	-8.1	

Elron	389000	10	-1
Art	23850	285	-7
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## Security and the Law

IF THE OFFICIAL version is to be believed, there is no reasonable cause for national alarm.

The police, so the Police Minister, Haim Bar-Lev, assured the country at noon yesterday, would honour Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir's order for a probe of Avraham Shalom, head of the General Security Services. If cabinet ministers had sought to persuade—not, heaven forbid, pressure—the government's legal adviser to drop the idea of investigation, on national security grounds, it was because they felt entitled, indeed bound, to do so. What remained at issue was whether Mr. Shalom should or should not be suspended from his post while the investigation was underway. That is, Mr. Bar-Lev amended himself in the afternoon, if Mr. Zamir stuck to his guns and the investigation were actually launched. So everything was in order.

In fact, however, nothing is in order, and there is a good cause for concern that the foundations of the rule of law in Israel, the only state in the area that has always prided itself on its ability to reconcile the dictates of legality and security, may be in grave jeopardy.

For it is plain as daylight that the inner cabinet—and apparently the majority of the government—do not want, and would give their eyeteeth to prevent, a probe of the GSS head. Yet Mr. Shalom is suspected of nothing less than having been a party to the killing of the two Arab hijackers of the Tel Aviv-Ashkelon bus a couple of years ago, and of having been involved in a subsequent coverup by foul means, thus causing Tat-Aluf—now Aluf—Yitzhak Mordechai to carry the can for him, until his own exculpation.

It must be hoped, for the GSS's sake, and Israel's, that the suspicion is unwarranted, and that Mr. Shalom will emerge from the investigation clean and with his reputation unscathed. But *prima facie* evidence implicating him must be there, or Prof. Zamir would not have instructed the police as he did, and if Mr. Shalom too is to be exonerated, the investigation must be thorough and intensive and free from external constraints.

Such conditions cannot be provided if Mr. Shalom is allowed to retain his post until a charge sheet is, if it is, prepared. Failure to suspend him is bound to signal to the police that a lackadaisical probe, calculated to lead nowhere, will be perfectly acceptable.

Yet, both the Likud and the Labour Alignment ministerial teams in the inner cabinet are agreed that there should be no suspension—and that, if possible, there should better be no investigation at all.

Why are they all so anxious to protect Mr. Shalom—not only Yitzhak Shamir, who was premier at the time of the hijacking, and Moshe Arens, who as defence minister at the time warned terrorists that they "won't get out alive," but also the present Defence Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, and the Premier, Shimon Peres, who now has direct charge of the GSS, but who once staked out his political career on the defence of the judicial process in cases of attempted coup?

So far, not one of them has been heard from on this point. But Ariel Sharon, Mr. Arens's predecessor as defence minister, did speak up yesterday. The law must yield, he explained, because Israel, alone in the world, is under existential threat from terrorism, and because security from terrorism must override all other considerations. The fight against terrorism is the sole prerogative of the government and no one—plainly not someone like Prof. Zamir—is entitled to interfere with its sovereign decisions in this area.

Were Israel to adopt the implied Sharon doctrine, it would not only be reversing the long-standing consensual view—reaffirmed only last Friday, in a *Yediot Aharonot* interview, by Mr. Sharon's Herut colleague, Mr. Shamir—that terrorism is not a threat to Israel's very existence. It would also be granting manifest licence to beat, torture and kill captured prisoners, whether regular or irregular. One ought to bear in mind too that further down the road there lurks the danger of a police state on the model of the Augusto Pinochet and Hafez Assad regimes.

It need not be assumed that anyone else in the government would go as far as Mr. Sharon is ready to lead them. But Mr. Sharon's view seems the only rationale fit for a decision to protect the GSS at all cost, even at the cost of covering up crime and deceit. The security of a state committed to the rule of law will not, however, be assured by the disregard of illegality. If the GSS cannot stand a police probe of its chief executive officer, then let Mr. Shalom step down and face the investigation as a private person. Such a move would spare the Prime Minister and his inner cabinet an extended agony, without undermining due process of law.

## THATCHER

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an international Middle East peace conference, including the PLO. Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij did not sign the petition.

Other Palestinian representatives included *Al-Fajr* editor Hanna Siniora, deposed Hebron mayor Mustafa Abdel Nabi Natshe, deposed Gaza mayor Rashad al-Shawwa, Gaza lawyers Faysal Abu Rahme and Zuhair al-Rayyes, Nab-

lus businessman Basil Kana'an and the city's acting mayor, Izzat Aloul.

"Our message was that just as she supports self-determination for the Palestinians, she should uphold self-determination for the Palestinians," Siniora said after the meeting. He said Thatcher had "listened very carefully and had said she would take our demands into consideration, and answer them later."

## STANDOFF

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attorney-general's decision-making. "Proof of this was that the AG had decided as he decided. But the cabinet had the right, or at least I did, to consult with the AG on a matter that had such important security connotations."

Moda' explained that there had been "a mutual attempt at persuasion...but in the end Zamir decided to take the course he had decided upon and that is his right and even his duty..."

Isser Harel, former head of the Mossad, last night appealed to Zamir to reconsider his drive to prosecute Shalom, since this might undermine the fight against terror. Speaking on Israel Radio, Harel

said Zamir had discretionary power to consider the welfare of the public before proceeding with a prosecution.

It was reported last night that in the early stages of the affair the attorney-general's office had been prepared to drop the whole matter if the implicated members of the service would resign. But Shalom reportedly opposed this condition and in the end the Attorney-General office saw no alternative but to press for a police investigation.

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## STORM DAMAGE

## HIRSH GOODMAN

PRIME MINISTER Shimon Peres neither appointed Avraham (Avrum) Shalom as head of the General Security Services nor was he prime minister in April 1984, when the Ashkelon-bound bus hijacking incident, that is at the source of the current storm, took place. Peres, however, holds absolute ministerial responsibility for the GSS and for the past 18 months has been intimately familiar with the details that have motivated Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir's decision to prosecute Shalom.

Unlike Zamir, however, Peres's conclusions on perusal of the investigative material was that, while there may be grounds for prosecution, to go ahead with an inquiry would be devastating for Israel's secret agencies—both in terms of the sensitive material that would necessarily become public knowledge, and the impact on the senior command of the GSS as a result of the necessary shake-up to follow. Security considerations, as made clear in Sunday's cabinet statement, outweighed those of the law.

But can the prime minister's position be assumed to be totally altruistic? Is it not possible that Peres is guilty of a cover-up? Of using the ever-convenient cloak of security to protect himself and his cabinet from scandal? Of being party to a sinister plot by the upper echelons of Israel's very secret service, over which only he has direct responsibility, to falsify evidence to protect themselves and their own?

THESE ARE some of the questions that dangle on the periphery of this latest scandal to rock Israel's de-

fence establishment. And there are other serious questions that will have to be answered as well. Why, for example, was Tat Aluf Yitzhak Mordechai, the IDF officer implicated in the incident, allowed to go through personal agony for 16 months until his final acquittal by a military investigative judge, when it was known—by those who had to know—that Mordechai's version of events contradicted that of the GSS agents on the scene at the time, and that the difference in versions was a crucial factor in the decision whether to prosecute? At the time, Mordechai claimed in private that he was being offered up as a sacrificial lamb in order to protect others; that he was the victim of a conspiracy by the GSS.

Mordechai's personal agony was great during those 16 months, especially after the *Kotzer Rashit* weekly published his name as the "senior officer" involved in the killing of the two terrorists taken alive after his troops stormed the bus, leaving the distinct impression that he was the only suspect in the case. Mordechai's public condemnation as a suspected murderer of bound terrorists came out while he was chief paratroop and infantry officer, making his position vis-à-vis his troops and his superiors extremely difficult. Moreover, the mud being slung at Mordechai during those long months while the GSS was said to have tampered with the evidence, splashed onto the IDF as a whole, and both the IDF and Mordechai deserve answers to the many

questions raised. Certainly Mordechai's claims of victimization at the time today hold enough credence to warrant an explanation.

AND THEN there is the question of censorship. This paper, like every other, was denied giving its public a full and responsible account of events for reasons of national security. No hint could have been given as to the identity of the official or the background to the incident. But was only national security at stake? Are there not political overtones to this scandal that the prime minister and his inner cabinet—including Yitzhak Shamir, who was prime minister at the time—would prefer not being placed on the national agenda?

Not only was the dramatic sweep of censorship imposed on this story politically suspect, it was grossly inefficient. Before the morning newspapers hit the stands with their convoluted, censored version of events, ABC Television had told the world the essentials of the story. Miraculously, sources in America intimately familiar with the deepest shadows of the Israeli secret service materialized with exactly the same information being censored out of copy being filed through normal channels.

The damage this incident has done to the fragile understandings that govern the relations between correspondent and censor could be great. Highly competitive networks can, correctly, be counted on not to allow themselves to be scooped twice—no matter what the formal rules. And there will also be a limit to how many times Israeli newspapers will allow their readers to be informed via sometimes quasi-accurate stories

## Dry Bones

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from Washington and New York—as it was forced to do with the Pollard affair, this latest incident and other issues of national interest.

Knowledgeable insiders speculate that this affair could strain the propertions of the public repercussions to the Sabra and Shatilla massacres. Then, however, the defence establishment paid the price. This time the reverberations could

not only seriously shake the prime minister and the upper echelons of the secret service, but seriously undermine the fragile relations between press and censor, officer and minister, and the trust placed in those who we understand need to work in the shadows—but do so only to uphold the law.

The writer is the defence correspondent of The Jerusalem Post.

## READERS' LETTERS

## PEACEFUL ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Three weeks ago, when we planned a trip to Israel, many friends were surprised. "Are you indifferent to the terrorist acts publicized with increasing frequency?" they asked. We were not dissuaded, and are glad we made this, our newest trip to Israel.

There was no sense of fear or danger at any moment in our air flight from the U.S. We toured the Gaza Strip, along the Egyptian-Israeli border, waved at the men guarding both border posts and photographed both border flags together with many other Israeli and foreign tourists.

Our tour through Lower and Upper Galilee (along the Lebanese bor-

der) bore no feeling of danger, real or imagined. But, speaking with many people in cities, kibbutzim and moshavim taught us much. To these Israelis, the future is as real as the present. They are not halted by military threats, but eager for the educational, social and cultural development of which they are an essential part.

We say wholeheartedly to all and sundry, "What are you afraid of? Come to a peaceful and peace-loving country full of hope, dreams, ideas and reality of which all Jews should become — to a lesser or greater degree — a living part."

Rabbi MOSES MESCHEROFF  
Ramat Gan (Chicago)

## SUPINE EUROPE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — It has been fascinating to observe the world reaction to the American raid on Gaddafi's Libya—and to the sequelae. For example, that British citizens were murdered in Beirut in revenge for British cooperation in the raids is Mrs. Thatcher's fault (or possibly Mr. Reagan's)—certainly not that of Abu Nidal or anyone like that.

Europe remains Europe, supine before every kind of terror, as it was 160 years ago—when the US Marines

had to conduct their own war on "the shores of Tripoli" because Europe preferred to pay the exactions of Gaddafi's predecessors rather than act. But one needn't seek analogy that far back: the debate in the House of Commons this week had Neville Chamberlain on the tarmac after returning from Munich. Europe is always ready to fold in order to buy "peace in our time."

STAN GOODMAN  
Haifa.

## QUALITY OF LIFE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Your newspaper deserves special recognition for your consistent and logical handling of the water crisis in Israel, in particular your reporter Yitzhak Oked's series of articles about the problem and its implications. The comprehensive and enlightening material in your issue of May 2 was an outstanding and unusual contribution.

We trust that other allied issues affecting the quality of our life will be the subject of similar comprehensive studies.

EDANA G. MARASH  
Eilat.

YEDIDA LAHAV,  
For the Committee of Life and Environment  
Tel Aviv.

## SECURITY AT LONDON AIRPORT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Further to my recent letter reporting how three Uzi barrels slipped undetected past X-ray inspection at London airport, in all fairness to London airport security in the past, Hindawi air, last week one single Uzi barrel and related ammunition was duly spotted by alert X-ray-conveyor inspectors.

HANNA SCHULER  
Jerusalem.

W. VAN LEER  
Jerusalem.

## PROJECT RENEWAL IN BEIT SHE'AN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I was most pleased with the decision of The Jerusalem Post to do a full-length feature on progress in development towns using Beit She'an as an example. Your May 16 magazine article, "Working a miracle," provides the reader with a good understanding of what we are trying to achieve in Beit She'an.

However, I would like to comment on one aspect of the article which deals with Project Renewal and may have left an erroneous impression. Since October 1982, we have been twinned with the Jewish community of Los Angeles as part of Project Renewal. After I was elected Mayor, in 1983, I had serious meetings with the Project Renewal leaders from the Los Angeles Jewish Federation Council and we decided together to concentrate Project Renewal's efforts in three areas: education, improving the environment and economic development.

We began with education and the computers mentioned in the article

are part of the Toam system which are now present in every elementary school. A majority of the funding for this system came from Los Angeles Project Renewal.

Renewal has also made major contributions in other areas of education and in September 1986 we will open a new regional technological training center for army graduates, in a partnership between Beit She'an, O.R.T. and Los Angeles.

Although we have concentrated on education, I did not want to create the impression that Project Renewal has not dealt successfully with other areas of importance to Beit She'an.

By the time we are done, the Los Angeles Jewish community will have invested up to \$4.4 million in Beit She'an's future. This does not include the investment by the Government of Israel through Project Renewal.

SHLOMO BEN LULU,  
Mayor, Beit She'an.

## IN DEFENCE OF AMBASSADOR ROSENNE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I was shocked to read Minister Weizman's comments on Israel's ambassador to the United States. Having had the privilege of observing Ambassador Rosenne's diplomatic capabilities during his service in New York in the 1960s, I and many others were constantly impressed by his astute evaluations, his quick comprehension and incisive decision-making.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I must voice my genuine disgust at the offensive advertisements which I encounter lately at every other street corner in Ramat Gan and Tel Aviv. I am referring to the huge posters promoting — so to say — Oberson's bathing suits.

I am not overly religious, though I do keep a traditional Jewish home, and am quite liberal and open-minded in my opinions and outlook. But the picture of a woman modestly attired lifting her bare posterior to high heaven truly offends common decency and is moreover highly unesthetic, in my humble opinion.

I believe that there should be some form of censorship similar to

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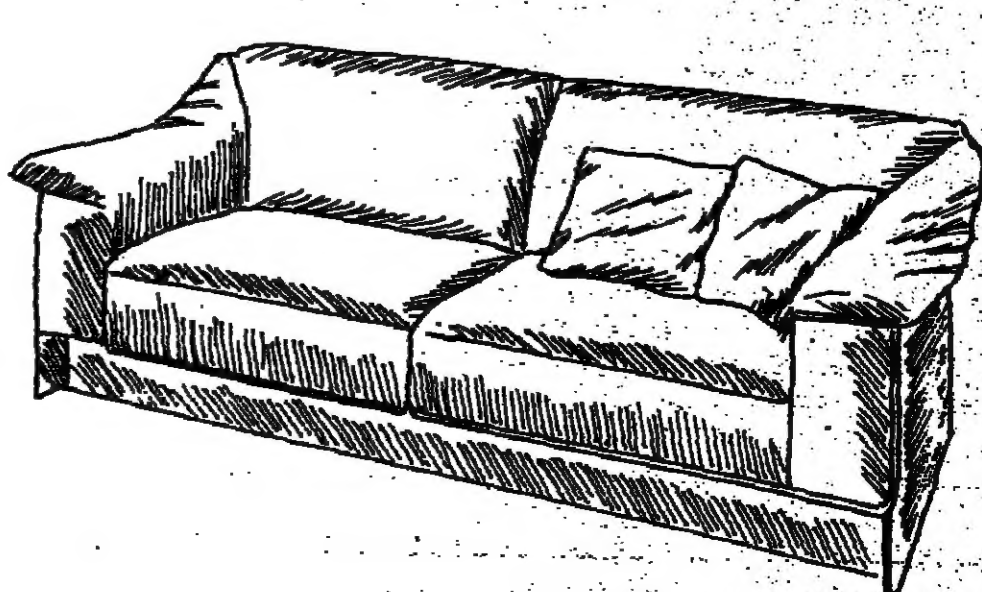
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